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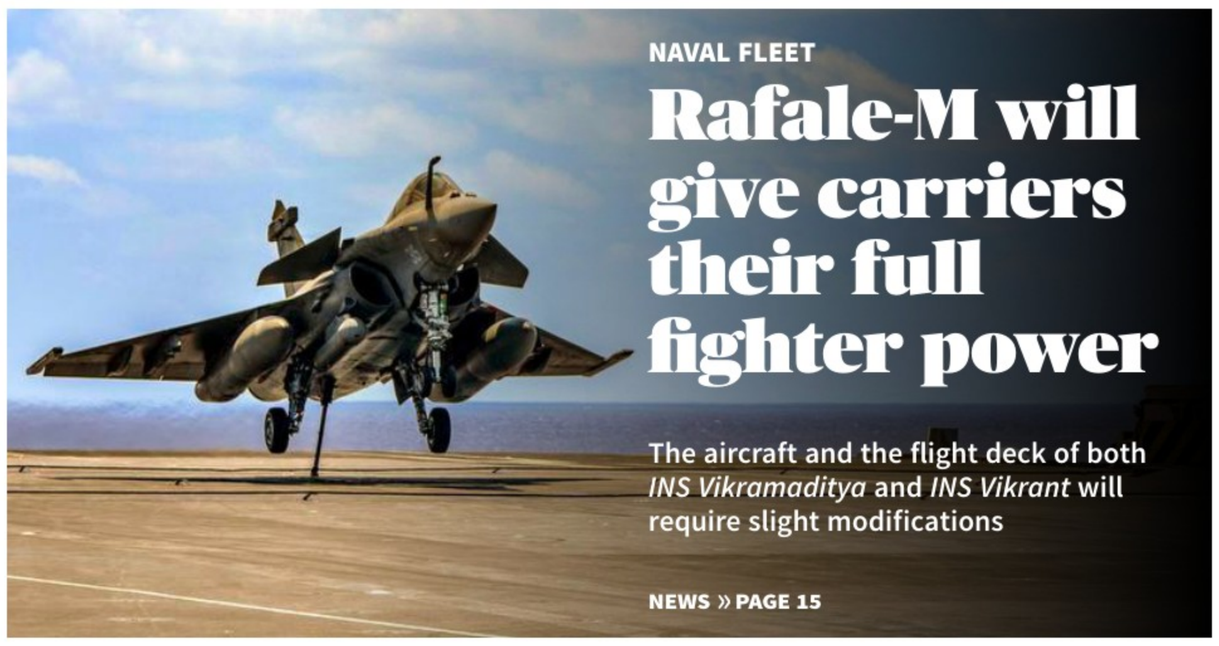

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Rafale-M will give carriers their full fighter power

The aircraft and the flight deck of both *INS Vikramaditya* and *INS Vikrant* will require slight modifications

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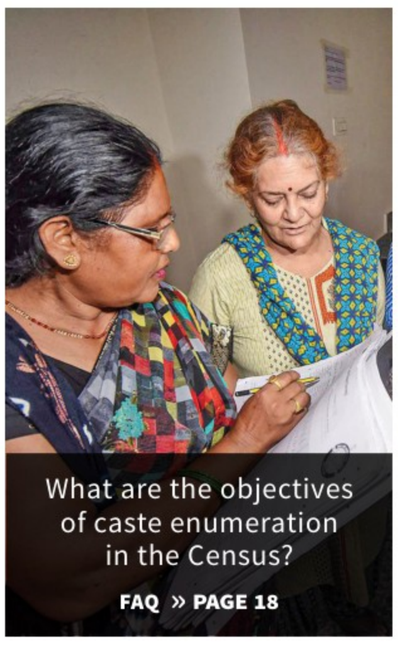

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'Task force to tackle communal crimes soon'

MANGALURU
the State government will shortly form an anti-communal task force, on the lines of the Anti-Naxal Force (ANF), that will work in Dakshina Kannada and Udupi districts, said Home Minister G. Parameshwara in Mangaluru on Saturday.
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State to up the ante on Krishna tribunal award

BENGALURU
Chief Minister Siddaramaiah chaired a high-level meeting on Saturday to finalise the State's stand on the matter and urge the Centre to issue a gazette notification on the Krishna Water Disputes Tribunal-II award. » PAGE 10

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Seven killed, 80 injured in stampede at Goa temple

Aftermath of tragedy: Clothes, footwear and canes of devotees lie scattered on the stampede site at the Shree Lairai Devi Temple in Shirgao in North Goa district on Saturday. EMMANUAL YOGINI

Purnima Sah
SHIRGAO

At least seven persons were killed and 80 injured in a stampede at Shirgao village in Bicholim taluka of North Goa district on Saturday as lakhs of devotees thronged to participate in the annual "Lairai Jatra" at the Shree Lairai Devi Temple.

Chief Minister Pramod Sawant ordered a magisterial inquiry and held a phone conversation with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who promised support to the State government. Mr. Sawant visited the injured in the district hospital and the stampede site.

"In order to ensure a free and fair inquiry, the government has transferred District Collector Sneha Gitte, Superintendent of Police (North) Akshat Kaushal, Deputy Superintendent of Police (Bicholim) Jivba Dalvi, Deputy Collector (Bicholim) Bhimnath Khorjuvekar and police inspector Dinesh Gadekar with immediate effect," Mr. Sawant told presspesons.

The Chief Minister said a fact-finding committee has been constituted.

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India cuts trade, postal, port links with Pakistan

Delhi steps up action against Islamabad after the Pahalgam terror attack; it bans 'direct or indirect' import of all goods originating from Pakistan; no Pakistani ship will be hosted by any Indian port

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

India announced a freeze on imports from Pakistan on Saturday, prohibiting the "direct or indirect" import of all goods "originating in or exported by Pakistan". The Indian government also suspended all postal links with Pakistan, and announced that ships bearing the national flag of Pakistan will not be allowed to dock in Indian ports.

These measures were announced on a day that Pakistan test-fired a nuclear capable missile, and days after India enforced a stringent visa regime targeting Pakistani citizens in response to the terror attack that killed 26 people in Pahalgam on April 22.

"Direct or indirect import or transit of all goods originating in or exported from Pakistan, whether or not freely importable or otherwise permitted, shall be prohibited with immediate effect, until further orders. This restriction is imposed in the interest of national security and public policy," the Directorate General of Foreign Trade said on Saturday.

On alert: Border Security Force personnel near the India-Pakistan Wagah border post, about 35 km from Amritsar, on Saturday. AFP

Indian ships

The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways announced that no ship bearing the national flag of Pakistan will be hosted by Indian ports. It also announced that Indian ships will not visit Pakistani ports and that these decisions will come into force "with immediate effect". The order added that exemptions will be issued on "case to case basis".

The Department of Communications said: "The Government of India has decided to suspend exchange of all categories of inbound mail and parcels from Pakistan through air and surface routes."

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'Tourists were herded towards the attackers'

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

After the first gunshots were fired at the Baisaran meadow in Pahalgam on April 22, two terrorists who had earlier mingled with the tourists, herded the startled crowd towards two other armed terrorists, who then segregated and killed the people based on religion, a senior government official said on Saturday. "The two terrorists knew the crowd would scatter after hearing the gunshots, and they deliberately herded the people towards the armed terrorists," said the official.

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Australia's Anthony Albanese wins a second 3-year term

Associated Press
Agence France-Presse
MELBOURNE

Anthony Albanese claimed victory as the first Australian Prime Minister to clinch a second consecutive three-year term in 21 years on Saturday and suggested his government had increased its majority in the next Parliament by not modelling itself on U.S. President Donald Trump's administration.

"Australians have chosen to face global challenges the Australian way, looking after each other while building for the future," Mr. Albanese told supporters in a victory speech in Sydney. "We do not need to beg or borrow or copy from anywhere else. We do not seek our inspiration overseas. We find it right here in our values and in our people," he added.

His centre-left Labor Party had branded Mr. Albanese's rival Peter Dutton, the opposition leader, "DOGE-y Dutton" and accused his conservative Liberal Party of mimicking Mr. Trump and his Department of Government Efficiency.

Mr. Albanese had condemned Mr. Trump's tariffs as an act of "economic self-harm" and "not the act of a friend". Mr. Dutton had earlier conceded his alliance of conservative parties had been defeated in the election and that he had lost his own parliamentary seat that he had held for 24 years.

Majority to go up

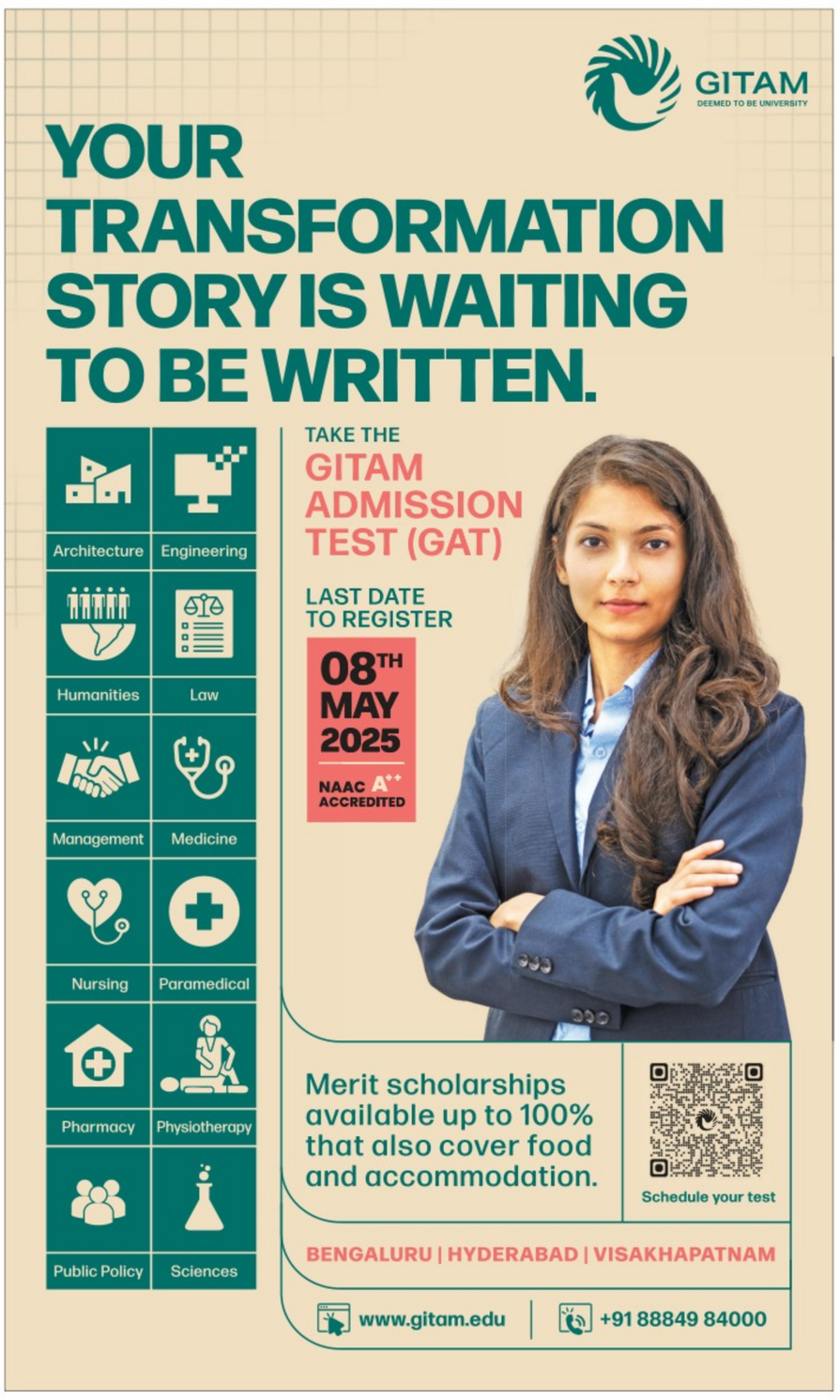
Labor had held a narrow majority of 78 seats in the 151-seat house House of Representatives, the lower chamber where parties form governments.

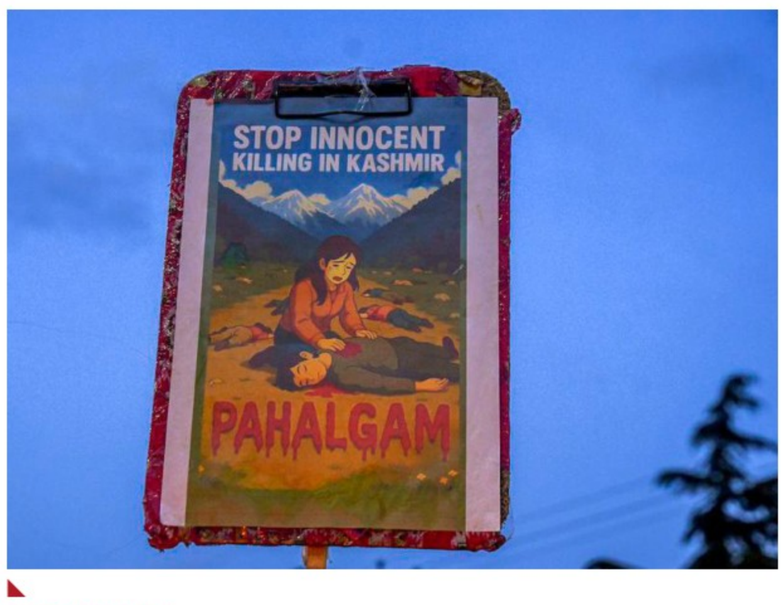
Australian governments are usually elected for at least a second term, but are expected to lose seats at the second election. But the Labor party is on track to increase its majority in its second term.

Elated Labor supporters swigged craft beers emblazoned with Mr. Albanese's face at an election party in Sydney, chanting his "Albo" nickname as results were declared on TV.

Mr. Albanese has promised to embrace renewable energy, tackle a worsening housing crisis, and pour money into a creaking healthcare system.

Mr. Dutton wanted to slash immigration, crack down on crime and ditch a longstanding ban on nuclear power.





Burning memory: A poster calling for peace in Kashmir seen in Srinagar.

Trickling back: Tourists at Doodhpathri, a hill station in Budgam near Srinagar.

Selfie time: Tourists wearing traditional Kashmiri dress taking a photograph in Pahalgam.

Valley for peace: People light candles in Srinagar as a tribute to the victims of the Pahalgam terror attack.

Kashmiriyat in their hearts

The local community, deeply affected by decades of protracted conflict, is rallying in unison to restore Kashmir's reputation as a safe and welcoming destination for tourists; the hotel industry is also reaching out with freebies

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Kashmir is gradually limping back to normalcy after the terror attack on tourists visiting the Baisaran meadow in Pahalgam that killed 25 tourists and one local person.

The local community, deeply affected by decades of protracted conflict, is rallying in unison to restore Kashmir's reputation as a safe and welcoming destination for tourists and to highlight the importance of 'Kashmiriyat'.

Kashmiriyat, the syncretic way of life imbibing the harmony and the large heartedness that comes with it, has come to the forefront as the Valley tries to move on from the deadly attack.

Kashmiriyat is a centuries-old tradition of communal harmony and brotherhood followed by the people of Kashmir. Welcoming guests from across the world remains an inseparable part of this tradition. People of Kashmir are known for their hospitality, which is part of the tourism industry's success there.

In a bid to attract visitors back, many businesses are offering complimentary services, such as free meals, free accommodation, and free guided tours, to encourage tourism and showcase the region's natural beauty.

Tourists have started to return to Pahalgam and others parts of Kashmir and many travellers are expressing their desire to continue their exploration of what is called a "paradise on earth". Local entrepreneurs and tour operators have also started fresh campaigns to attract tourists. Posters and placards condemning the terror attack can still be seen all around the Valley. Scores of groups have come out to protest against the killings and express solidarity with the bereaved families.

Social media campaigns

Around Dal Lake in Srinagar, which is a hotspot for tourists, people can be seen welcoming visitors with bouquets. Social media campaigns and word-of-mouth recommendations are helping to spread positivity about the region, countering the negative narratives that often accompany such violent attacks.

The road to complete normalcy may be long; however, the resilience of the Kashmiri people shines through as they strive to rebuild their lives and restore the region's allure.

Local people are actively engaging with tourists, sharing stories and experiences that highlight the warmth and hospitality of the Kashmir Valley.

Souvenirs on sale: A vendor displays Kashmiri shawls in Pahalgam.

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AGE 49 Divorcee Issueless, Company Secretary. Seeks Suitable Groom. Cast no Bar Ct : 9360167989

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REDDY 34/165CM MBBS, MS Seeks Suitable Groom from Chennai / Dubai / Singapore CNB 8925640111

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SEEKING NEVER married suitable PG Doctor Groom for a P.G Doctor M.S.(O.G), Reddy girl, born 1990, employed in Chennai. Contact WhatsApp: 9962548166

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MGM ASSOCIATE Consultant, MCh, Surgical Oncologist, 30, fair, pillai, veg, 172cms looking for doctor/professional veg groom from Chennai. WhApp 6383189302

Fair, Smart, Pretty, cultured homely Doctor Girl 35/165 MD, Cardiac Anesthesiologist Reputed Hospital, Chennai from affluent family of Doctors, Father Cardiac Surgeon from Kerala based in Chennai. Mother from Tamilnadu. Looking for PG Doctor & Engineer grooms from good families.
98400 50381 / 98409 85383

Caste No Bar, Doing MD Anesthesia, 26, Fair, 162 cm, looking suitable Doctor / CA groom, Father - Christian, Mother - Brahmin, Mobile-9600076975 / 7397666544

Mudaliar Bride born Dec1993 Doctor MS General Surgery Chennai seeks Doctor Groom MS/MD from Mudaliar/Vellallar Cont: 7904339374

GOVT / QUASI GOVT

CHRISTIAN NADAR 29 years , RBI Grade B officer seeks suitable groom - AIS / GOI / IT / Doctors / Business. Contact: 94445 43920 / 94453 66732

HINDI

DELHI– BASED Arora family looking for a groom for their beautiful daughter, 31, 155 cm MBA, working at MNC in Gurgaon, 25L pkg. Wanted a qualified, well–settled boy. Contact 9357407003.

KANNADA

HINDU BRIDE 30/161 B.E., LL.B. (Hons.) Advocate Swathi Thulam Vokkaliga Gowda seeks Virtuous Independent working Groom from an Ethical Family and settled in Chennai. Email: mailgpsr@gmail.com

MALAYALAM

ATTRACTIVE, CARING, 29, 170cm, UK–educated, UAE–based, open–minded Catholic professional. Seeking compatible partner. Call or WA 9345634365.

HINDU GIRL 38, MSc Phd Scientist, working abroad, caste no bar. Malappuram, 9447257594, 9946492247

EZHAVA GIRL 27/157cm Rohini,Sudhajatagam Work in Ireland Seeks Prof Qlfd groom Work in Ireland. 9962512968

NAIR GIRL from Ernakulam Kerala, 31 Yrs / 161 CM wheatish complexion doing DM in hematology (Final Year) in Delhi seeks Doctors / Professionals. Contact : 8089584220/ 9249920550.

BRIDEGROOM WANTED

Professionally qualified **Girl, 29/163 (LLB & LLM** abroad), Ashwathy, employed with an int'l organisation (EU). Accomplished and charming. Affluent Family (Malayali) settled in Delhi. Parents seek proposals from Hindu highly educated and well settled professionals.

Ph: 8800368536

TAMIL

✔ **TAMIL MUSLIM girl 38 yrs, seeks employed, qualified, Unmarried Tamil Muslim Groom. 9444235779**

CHRISTIAN, PROTESTANT, MS, Software Engineer at MNC, Family income 1 crore, Ready to relocate. Contact: 8138900557

LOOKING FOR Christian Bridegroom for the girl working in USA start-up aged 26. End time message. 8939250457

MUSLIM PARENTS seek well settled practising groom for their 30 yrs daughter (PhD) divorcee, working in UAE. 9940014700

CSI TAMIL, God Fearing, Homely, B.Tech., PGDM (XLRI), 25 Years, Startup, Parents seek alliance from suitable God Fearing, Well qualified and employed Grooms with clean habits Mobile/WhatsApp: 7200309111 / 9444002036

RC, CNB, 26yrs, M.Sc, Elite business family in Chennai, Seeks Suitable Groom Ct: 9360732728/ 9962121959

CHRISTIAN BE 35/164cm Handsome BC Girl Working CTS (SWE) in USA H1B Visa seeks good looking groomworking with SWE/Professional in USA. CNB. CT: 81488 25673 Brokers Excuse

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RC CHRISTIAN Nadar unmarried fair Bride 35/170 ME Software Enggr. seeks BC/FC unmarried groom. Ct. 9886888775

CHRISTIAN AD Girl 30Yrs/167cm MBBS MD Radiology (Govt. Kovai, Ooty) good looking seeks Doctor / Any Govt Groom. CT: 9578815447.

BORN AGAIN Christian, 44yrs/152, MBBS MD doctor, Chennai, seeks professional groom, CT–9500188067

TAMIL MUSLIM 25/175 O & G pursuing seeks prof qualified groom Ct: 8220042091 mdullahsafi@gmail.com

HINDU DIVORCEE, 44 yrs, Very fair, Good Looking, PQ, No child, Seeks qualified groom CNB. 9080169045

HINDU SC AD, 33, BE, MBA, Employed, Slim, Good Looking, Chennai BasedElite Family , Seeking well Educated,Well Placed Groom From Elite Family.Cast no Bar. Ct: 96771 13040.

LOOKING FOR a groom below 41yrs for divorced Hindu Nadar graduate getting 1–L Pm in a govt job 9443156344

HINDU, 24 Manai Chettiyar, 24 Yrs, B.Com, MBA, Administrative Professional, Looking for Any Chettiyar Groom. Contact: 8138900652

HINDU, MARAVAR, Age 31, B.Tech, IT Professional, Income 40 Lakhs, Looking for a graduated Groom. Contact: 8137003549

HINDU, YADAVA, 31 Yrs, MBBS, Doctor at Chennai, Family doing business. Call: 8137003548

RICH MUDALIYAR, 25yrs, M.Tech, Elite business family in Chennai. Seeks Suitable Groom Contact: 9962791888

HINDU NADAR, 26yrs, BE, 1.5 Lakhs/ pm, Well Educated Family, Seeks Suitable Groom Contact: 9841329471

CASTE NO Bar, 40yrs, B.Tech,MS, Industrialist Business Family, Seeks Suitable Groom Contact: 6385293227

MUDALIAR (CNB): 29/ V.Fair, MBBS, MS,Doctor, Pvt.Hosp, Chennai, Elite Family, Seeks groom – Doctor/ Eng – 8925019776

MUDALIAR: 25/ V.Fair & Beautiful, B. Tech, MS (UK), Textile Business, Chennai, Elite Family, seeks groom – Business / Abroad – 9962530015

SOZHIA VELLALAR Slim fair 26/170 BE, 18 LPA, Seeking professional groom from Tamil family. Ct: 9025400750

✔ **CHETTIAR 37** yrs 157cms M.S (USA) Well educated family seeks suitable groom from same or equal community. Ct.9994338914

HINDU MARUTHUVAR CA Auditor MNC 32 / 158cm fair legally divorced CNB Chennai seeks groom. Ct 9600055160

SEEKING WELL qualified groom for my daughter (Hindu – Mudaliar) 28/ 170 cm, UX Designer / 15LPA . Ph.no : 9486380013

HINDU/ SC/ Tamil/ March 93/ BE/ IRS–IT Seeks Groom from IAS and Allied Services / MD,MS, SS– 9042261465

AD, PR CHR, 29, PG Doctor, 14 L PA seeks suitable Doctor/ Group 1 Officer Groom. Ct: 94425 22322

SENGUNTHAR 24YRS, 150 cms Mirugashisham BE Software Engineer in Chennai seeks a well–educated (B.E) groom with clean habits, working in Chennai. 9952954930/ 8668190730

DEVENDRAKULAVELALAR 26/157 MBBS UK GMC Regd Seeks Suitable Doctor Groom. Send BHP. Ct: sams7796@gmail.com

CASTE NO bar. Chennai based Affluent Good looking Mudaliar Girl 29, is seeking for a Groom from a good family background and family values. Ct : 89258 19448

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HINDU, CASTE no bar, Age 31, M.Tech completed, Developer at MNC, Income 15 Lakhs, Looking for Educated Groom. Ct 9072777822

HINDU, PILLAI, Age 24, Studied Masters Management, Doing Business, Income 12 Lakhs. Ct 8138901337

HINDU, CASTE no bar, Age 24, MBA, IT professional at Chennai, Upper middle class family. Ct 8138901281

HINDU NADAR pretty looking girl from an affluent family 31/156 cms, MBA, seeks well settled groom from affluent family. CT: 9486355500.

HINDU, VANNIYA Kulashatriya Naicker, Age 26, B.Arch, IT professional, Family Income 50 Lakhs. 8137003516

VANNIYAR, 25 BA LLB, doing LLM OP Jindal, Hastham with Raagu Kethu seeks Chennai based groom – PG degree with good job or Business people from well settled family. 9444063969

FATHER – SC (DKV), Mother–FC, 1980, B.A.,First Marriage. Seeks Any Caste Unmarried/Widower, Degree, Diploma, Government, Private or Business. Chennai. Whatsapp: 9003173511

MBBS MD DR. TN Govt Chennai Hindu Naidu Elite Family fair slim 165 cm 23–02–90 magaram uthiradam 4 seeks Dr, Class A officer, Business Groom. Any Hindu FC/BC. 9841743266.

HINDU SC/AD 30 M.B.B.S, fair star-Ashwini well settled Chennai seeks prof qualified Doctors, Govt officers and engineers from same community. Ph:9840210047 / 9080281136

SC AD Hindu Bride Age 25/163, BE, MBA Thiruvonam/Magaram Working in Nationalized Bank, Seeking from the same Community Preferably Chennai Groom Bank/Govt Job from well Educated Family, below 30yrs.Ct 9443643415

HINDU SC (AD), 26/158cm Beautiful Bride Msc Daughter of Executive Director NLCIL (Retd) Seeks well Employed Groom Ct:9443289673/ 9443074657

MBA IIM, B.Tech Naidu 163/ Nov 89, Product Manager, Bangalore 30L/pa seeks well settled grooms earning 30L & above. Working Bangalore/ Hyderabad/ Abroad. CNB. Ct: 9176250276

CASTE NO Bar, 31yrs, BE, MS, Elite business family in Chennai, Seeks Suitable Groom. Contact: 6385293227

CNB, 28YRS, Divorce, B.Tech, Elite business family in Chennai, Seeks Suitable Groom. Contact: 6385293227

TAMIL

GROOM WANTED Hindu Nadar,37yrs, Divorce, ME, 2.5lakhs pm,Elite business family Ct: 9962121959/ 9360732728

HINDU NADAR, 26yrs, MBA ,CA, Well Educated Family, Seeks Suitable Groom Contact: 9380791999/ 9841329471

ARCOT MUDALIYAR 24/B.Com., Govt. Job Cashier (SBI) 45000/– p.m. Fair seeks Groom Mrs.Revathy 98845 69580

THULUVA VELLAR Subcast BDS 33 years well Settled Doctor, Engineer, Business etc. Ct: 6382232024

IYER BHARADWAJA 28/153 MS (Engineering) Punarpoosam (3) MNC USA Seeks Suitable Tamil Iyer Groom between 28-33 years Working in USA. 7639702929.

SC AD 37yrs, BE Software Engineer, 1.40Lks/month, TCS, Chennai. Never married, seeks Grooms Age 37-40 yrs. Ct: 99521 47216 / 88380 34943

Adidravidar 28/160cm Hastham B.E, B.Ed seeks Professionally qualified settled groom,same caste.9789668845

Hindu BC Girl, 26years / 168cms MBBS, M.D.(Dermatology) working in Chennai well settled family seeks suitable qualified Professional / Business Groom Ct: 86680 06323/ 98401 23619

BRIDES WANTED

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Hindu, 42, MBA, 16 L, Divrse, Chennai, in any cast # Contact-9825661334

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MALAYALAM

EZHAVA BOY 31/170cm, Avittam, Sudhajathagam Work in US, Seeks Prof.qualified bride work in USA.9962512968

NAMBIAR BROTHERS 35 and 30 both MS Engineering employed in France Sudhajhadhagam 9444624259

NAIR BOY, 38 Avittam MTECH Engg Specialist USA. H1B, Cast no bar, Ct: 78454 70323, 94884 57539

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RC CHRISTIAN, 42yrs/170, B.E. Software Engineer, never married, Chennai, CT–9500188067

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CHRISTIAN NADAR, Doctor, Divorcee 36yrs/178cm, MBBS, Dip in Cardiology better earning lives in Nagercoil seeks qualified/ Divorced Bride. 9003983230

CHRISTIAN VELLALAR Age 57 PG Central Govt., Superintendent Teetotaler Never Married seeks bride Church no bar Ct: 98941 22202.

AGAMUDAIYAR UTHIRADAM 34/180 B.Tech, TCS, Hyderabad, 2Lpm, seeks Equally Qualified bride, Caste No Bar. Contact: 8220984182

AGAMUDAIYAR, UTHIRAM/KANNI 35/180, BE, HRM, Job at Canada, Canadian Citizen, Seeks BE,Nursing, any degree bride.CNB. Ct:9442993042

TAMIL VISWAKARMA, 39/179cm, Chithirai, Kanni, B.E, MBA., Unmarried seeks educated Partner. Caste no bar. Ct: 9944097021

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Karnataka sees uptick in dengue cases as it registers 1,186 till Apr. 30

Six required hospitalisation; 51 patients are children aged below one, and 553 are below the age of 18

Afshan Yasmeen
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Early summer showers, construction activity and water stagnation have led to mosquito breeding. FILE PHOTO

Dengue cases are gradually increasing in Karnataka even before the onset of monsoon. From January till April 30 this year, the State has recorded 1,186 cases, six of which required hospitalisation. What is concerning is 51 of these cases are children aged below one year, and 553 are below the age of 18.

Early summer showers, construction activity and water stagnation have led to mosquito breeding and residents across Bengaluru are feeling the sting. In fact, the number of dengue cases saw a sharp rise in the last one month. From 707 positive cases in the week ending March 2, cases shot up to 1,186 as of April 30. With more rains predicted in the coming days, health authorities are gearing up to prevent any outbreak.

Although the number of dengue cases this year is less than that reported during the corresponding period (January to April 30) last year, health authorities are concerned as Karnataka had reported 32,826 cases in 2024, the highest in the country. Karnataka was followed by Tamil Nadu with 27,328 cases, and Kerala with 21,075 cases.

While 20 dengue deaths were reported in Karnataka in 2024, the third highest in the country, Kerala had recorded 99 deaths, the highest in the country. Maharashtra followed Kerala with 26 deaths.

In 2023, Karnataka had recorded 19,300 dengue cases, and 11 deaths.

Ansar Ahmed, State Joint Director, Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP), said all the six hospitalised cases were reported by the BBMP. As usual, Bengaluru has recorded the highest number of cases so far this year too with 513 (43.2%) of the total cases being from the city, he said.

Asserting that awareness activities, apart from monitoring and prevention measures, were being stepped up, Dr. Ahmed said there is a need for people to avoid water stagnation in their surroundings. "Apart from mosquitoes, the inclement weather is conducive for viruses, bacteria, parasites and a variety of other pathogens to thrive. These can cause viral, bacterial and fungal diseases. Communicable diseases that spread through water, primarily through the feco-oral route, and due to contamination are also common during monsoon, and people have to be vigilant," Dr. Ahmed said.

City-based general physician and diabetologist Haleema Yezdani said, "While heavy rains will wash off mosquitoes and their larvae thereby temporarily preventing breeding, water stagnation post-rain can turn into breeding spots. This can increase the spread of vector-borne diseases."

Both dengue and dengue-like ailments present with similar symptoms, including high fever lasting four-five days, followed by persistent severe headache, joint and muscle pain, fatigue, nausea, vomiting, and skin rash for an additional three-four days. People should not ignore any symptoms and should seek medical advice at the earliest, she added.

In September 2024, when cases had crossed the 25,000 mark, Karnataka had notified dengue fever, including severe forms of this vector-borne disease as an epidemic disease.

The State had amended the regulations under the Epidemic Diseases Act 2020, and the Karnataka Epidemic Diseases (Amendment Regulations) 2024 was published in the official gazette.

The uptick in dengue last year had pushed up the demand for platelets. Apart from setting up a toll-free helpline and reserving beds in government hospitals for dengue patients, Karnataka's Health Department had announced a price cap of ₹300 each on Dengue Elisa NS1 antigen and Dengue Elisa IgM antibody tests in private hospitals and diagnostic laboratories. For a rapid card screening test (NS1, IgM and IgG antibodies), the government has fixed a price of ₹250.

Tree-fall deaths, flooding raise alarm over BBMP's monsoon readiness

Shreyas H.S.
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According to BBMP data, during three recent rain spells — one in March, followed by two on May 1 and 2 — a total of 93 trees and 133 large branches fell. K. BHAGYA PRAKASH

Within a short span of just two months, two individuals lost their lives owing to tree-fall in Bengaluru, raising questions about the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike's (BBMP) preparedness for the monsoon despite forming multiple teams to address such incidents.

Citing these fatal incidents and the recurring problem of urban flooding even during low-intensity rainfall during the pre-monsoon season, citizens and activists have begun questioning whether the BBMP is truly ready to face the monsoon.

On Thursday, Mahesh, a 45-year-old autorickshaw driver, was killed after a tree fell on his vehicle along Kathriguppe Main Road in Banashankari. Earlier, on March 22, three-year-old Raksha succumbed to her injuries after a tree collapsed on the two-wheeler she was riding pillion on with her father. The civic body announced compensation for both victims in accordance with standard procedures.

According to BBMP data, during three recent rain spells – one in March, followed by two on May 1 and 2 – a total of 93 trees and 133 large branches were uprooted or fell. Flooding on arterial and sub-arterial roads across several areas, including the central business district (CBD), has become increasingly frequent.

BBMP Chief Commissioner M. Maheshwar Rao has said that response teams have been reactivated. Speaking to *The Hindu*, Mr. Rao stated that BBMP control rooms are operational and that joint commissioners (JCs) in each zone have been directed to prepare flood mitigation plans. Additionally, the traffic police have been tasked with reporting flooded areas to the BBMP for inclusion in its list of flood-prone zones.

> No efforts to remove silt have been made in our area, raising concerns about potential flooding during the upcoming monsoon season. Although the locality has so far escaped heavy rainfall, the risk remains high
>
> **INDIRA BENDEL,** Activist from AECS Layout at Marathahalli

The BBMP's forest cell has also been instructed to identify and address trees that pose a threat to public safety. Mr. Rao further mentioned that available civic data would be analysed to devise further strategies.

Public voices concern

However, citizens are voicing concerns over the civic body's preparedness. Snehal Nandihal, a resident of Indiranagar, expressed frustration over the persistent flooding in her neighbourhood, pointing to BBMP's ineffective planning. She cited chronic flooding on key stretches such as K.T. Road, 5th Main Road in Defence Colony, 2nd Stage, and sections of the 80 Feet Road in Indiranagar. "Despite repeated complaints regarding the removal of silt in storm-water drains, no concrete action has been taken. The issue has remained unresolved for several years, even after repeated visits by former BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath," she said, adding that the pre-monsoon showers have already revealed significant gaps in the civic body's monsoon preparedness.

Indira Bendel, an activist from AECS Layout in Marathahalli, highlighted that storm-water drain works initiated in 2022 remain incomplete. "Moreover, no efforts to remove silt have been made in the area, raising concerns about potential flooding during the upcoming monsoon season. Although the locality has so far escaped heavy rainfall, the risk remains high," she added.

Disaster management expert Raghu B.V. pointed out that the recent amendments to the Disaster Management Act, 2005, mandate the establishment of disaster management cells within urban local bodies. He emphasised that the BBMP must set up such a cell before the onset of the monsoon to coordinate and oversee all mitigation efforts. With tree-fall incidents becoming increasingly common, he urged the BBMP to take proactive measures, including pruning or removing hazardous trees and branches. He also recommended that the civic body make related data publicly available.

THiS schools achieve excellent results in ICSE, ISC exams

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Schools which are part of *The Hindu* in School (THiS) programme have achieved exceptional results in the ICSE and ISC results which were recently declared. Most schools achieved 100% results. St. Paul's English School (unit of presidency Group of institutions) in J.P. Nagar secured 151 distinctions for class 10 and 15 distinctions for class 12. Kaladhar Konduri (99.4%) and Koshidha (98.25%) are the toppers respectively.

As many as 58 students of Insight Academy, Kanakapura branch, Vasanthpura, achieved distinctions, and with 98% Anshuman Girish is the topper. Auden Public School in Girinagar also achieved 45 distinctions for class 10 and Samartha K.P. is the topper with 98%.

Adhithi Aravinthan who secured 99.6% is the topper from SFS Public School, Electronics City for class 10 and Shivani Veeresh with 98.8% is the topper for class 12I. The school secured 119 distinctions for class 10 and 29 distinctions for class 12. Shantiniketan Trust school, Bilekahalli, secured 23 distinctions for class 10 and Jivantika B. became the topper by securing 98%. S. Rohith Kannan with 99.6% is the topper of SJR Kengeri Public School which secured 90 distinctions for class 10. Christ Academy, Hullahalli, Begur Koppa Road, secured 183 distinctions for class 10 and Prajusha Behera, the topper, secured 99.6%. SEA International School, Ektha Nagar, K.R. Puram, got 20 distinctions for class 10 and two students, Aayush Das and Darshil. L. Reddy, shared the top spot with 95%.

Ryan International School, Bannerghatta, achieved 35 distinctions and Nikhilesh S.M., and Shashank Tiwari both topped class 10 with 96.33%. Bunt's Sangha RNS Vidyaniketan, Vijayanagar, achieved 45 centums and 103 high distinctions for class 10 and Viharika Srujana Sangam secured 98.4% securing the top spot.

From Carmel High School, Basaveswaranagar, 54 class 10 students secured distinctions and Harini K. is the topper with 97.2%. Ganga International School, Nelagadaranahalli, Nagasandra Post, achieved 18 distinctions for class 10 and Guna Sagar, the topper who got 98.4% secured 100% in maths, biology, and computer science.

The New Cambridge English School ICSE, RPC Layout, Vijayanagar, got 168 distinctions and Samiksha K.H. is the topper with 98.66%.

As many as 162 class 10 students and 65 from the science stream of class 12 and 132 from the commerce stream from St. Joseph's Boys' High School, Museum Road, secured distinctions. In class 10, Haripreeth U.T. is the top scorer with 98.16% while in class 12 science stream it is Ashrith Puppala with 98.2% and Soham Milind Joglekar with 99.2%.

Rowdy hacked to death in Ramanagara

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Police suspect that old rivalry could be the reason for the murder

A 31-year-old rowdy sheeter was hacked to death by unidentified men near the Harohalli KSRTC depot in Ramanagara district on Saturday. The deceased has been identified as Santosh, alias Karadi Santhu, a resident of Siddapura near Harohalli.

Returning home

According to the police, the incident occurred at 11 a.m. on Saturday when Santosh had gone to Harohalli town on his bike and was returning home.

A gang of four persons followed Santosh in a car and rammed the vehicle. Owing to the impact, Santosh was thrown up in the air and fell to the ground. Before he could recover, the gang attacked him with weapons killing him on the spot.

Passers-by alerted the police who shifted the body for post-mortem before initiating investigation.

Gathering evidence

A case of murder has been taken up and the police are gathering CCTV camera footage from the vicinity to identify the car and the assailants.

The police suspect that old rivalry could be the reason for the murder. The assailants are suspected to have come from Bengaluru to carry out the attack, where Santosh was a rowdy sheeter.

Santosh was recently released from jail. He left South Bengaluru's Konanakunte, where he was residing, and moved to Siddapura.

46-yr.-old advocate found murdered on NICE Road

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 46-year-old advocate was found murdered on NICE Road in Bengaluru on Friday. The deceased was identified as Jagadisha H., a resident of SMV Layout. He was returning home in his car.

As per a complaint, the assailants reportedly crashed into his car. They forced him to stop and come out of the vehicle. They allegedly assaulted him with weapons and fled from the spot along with his phone

Police alerted

Passers-by noticed the body and alerted the Kengeri police. The Kengeri police have registered a case of murder. They are trying to identify the assailants.

Trotting along: Tourists enjoy a horse ride at a ski resort in Kangdoori, Gulmarg.

In one voice: Boatmen in Dal Lake in Srinagar display placards calling for unity after the Pahalgam attack.

Flowering of peace: A boatman offers a rose to a young tourist on the Dal Lake in Srinagar, as the region slowly limps back to normalcy.

Friendly offer: A Kashmiri selling fresh produce out of a shikara offers free fruit *chaat* to tourists on the Dal Lake.

Refreshing cups: Local people offer Kashmiri *kahwa* (a traditional tea) to tourists waiting in a queue to use a cable car in Gulmarg.

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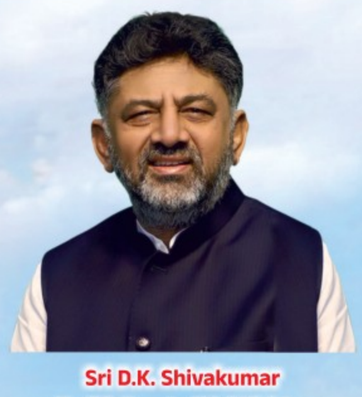

Sri D.K. Shivakumar
Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister

Inaugural Ceremony

of the ambitious Tank Filling Schemes to fill water
to **Balambeedu and 162 other tanks**
and also **Hirekounshi and 77 other tanks**
in Hangal Taluk of Haveri District
from the Varada River.

Inauguration:
Sri Siddaramaiah, Hon'ble Chief Minister

August Presence:
Sri D.K. Shivakumar, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister

Balambeedu Pump House

Date : 04.05.2025, Sunday, Time : 11.00 am
Venue: APMC Premises, Akki Aluru, Haveri Dist.

Hirekoumshi TFS Jackwell cum Pump House

Presence

Sri Prahlad Joshi
Hon'ble Union Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution & New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), Govt. of India.

Sri Basavaraj Horatti
Hon'ble Speaker, Karnataka Legislative Council

Sri Shivananda Patil
Hon'ble Minister, Textiles, Sugarcane Development, Sugar and Agricultural Marketing Department and Haveri District in-charge Minister

Sri Basavaraj S. Bommai
Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Haveri Constituency and Former Chief Minister, Government of Karnataka

Sri N.S. Bosaraju
Hon'ble Minister, Minor Irrigation & Department of Science and Technology

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Hon'ble Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha Members, Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council Members, Gram Panchayat Presidents, Vice Presidents and Members, Corporation Board Presidents and all elected representatives.

Presided by

Sri Rudrappa Manappa Lamani
Hon'ble MLA, Haveri Assembly Constituency and Deputy Speaker, Karnataka Legislative Council

Srinivasa V. Mane
Hon'ble MLA,
Hangal Assembly Constituency

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Additional Chief Secretary, Water Resources Department

Shri Krishnamurthy B. Kulkarni, K.E.S
Secretary, Water Resources Department

Sri Rajesh Amminabavi, K.E.S
Managing Director, Karnataka Neeravari Nigam Limited

As is enshrined in our Constitution to develop the scientific temper, humanism and the spirit of inquiry and reform is the fundamental duty of every citizen of the country.

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Restaurants in city see self-delivery systems as alternative to aggregators

'Many restaurants and cloud kitchens which are dependent on food delivery are on the verge of shutdown or are not able to pay salaries to the staff owing to the commissions imposed by the aggregators

Jahnavi T.R.
BENGALURU

As aggregator apps which provide food delivery services continue to increase their commission, restaurants in Bengaluru are looking for alternative channels, including self-deliveries and WhatsApp based-delivery systems in collaboration with technological partners.

While the issue of commission is a huge burden that restaurants are not able to cope with when it comes to the apps which have a duopoly in the market, in the case of Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC), there are logistical issues concerning last mile-connectivity according to restaurateurs.

While some restaurants are now working with ONDC to resolve these issues, restaurateurs are looking for win-win situations for both restaurants and customers without much hassle.

"Many restaurants and cloud kitchens which are dependent on food delivery are on the verge of shutdown or are not able to pay salaries to the staff due to the commissions imposed by the aggregators. The aggregators also force discounts on restaurants which do not work out for us. They also refuse to share our own customer data with us," said Chethan Hegde, who heads the Bengaluru Chapter of National Restaurants' Association of India (NRAI). He added: "This is why many restaurants are now trying to figure out self-delivery options. We are working with tech partners and delivery partners for this."

Before aggregators came around, many food chains were offering deliveries on their own with the help of phone calls. FILE PHOTO

Just Fresh Point is a vegetarian restaurant which operates three outlets in Bellandur and Electronics City. Recently, the chain started its own delivery system on WhatsApp. A customer can just send a 'Hi' on the messaging app and browse the menu and place their order. The restaurant offers free home deliveries at dine-in rates up to 3 km and a delivery charge of around ₹25 to ₹30 for 3 km to 5 km.

"This strategic shift also aligns with a growing trend among local food businesses to adopt more sustainable and community-driven approaches. By handling deliveries in-house and reducing dependency on third-party platforms, we ensure better control over quality and service – while passing on the benefits to our customers," said Durgesh Shobhawat, co-founder of the restaurant.

Many restaurants are mulling similar strategies to strengthen local delivery systems. "Long before aggregators came around, many food chains, especially pizza chains were offering deliveries on their own with the help of phone calls. Even today, many chains have their own delivery systems up to a certain radius," said an owner of a popular restaurant in Jayanagar.

Girish Pai, founder and CEO of GrowthFalcons, a seller-side platform on ONDC, said be it WhatsApp channels or even ONDC, they help restaurants acquire and retain customers without having to shell out higher commission.

FIR against Sonu Nigam for 'insulting' people of Karnataka

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Avalahalli police have registered an FIR against singer Sonu Nigam after a complaint was lodged alleging that he insulted the people of Karnataka.

Based on the complaint filed by Dharma Raj, member of the Karnataka Rakshana Vedike, the police charged Mr. Nigam with criminal intimidation, public mischief, and intentional insult to provoke breach of peace on Saturday.

According to the complaint, Mr. Nigam was performing on the outskirts of the city on April 25.

Pahalgam reference

One of the fans requested him to sing a Kannada song to which he took offence, and retorted that this was the attitude that resulted in the Pahalgam attack. "This is why the Pahalgam attack happened. For such kind of an attitude. At least see who is in front of you before making such demands. I didn't like it (the way he asked)," he said, adding that he has immense respect and love towards Kannadigas.

The complainant has alleged that this incident has caused deep anguish among his local fans who felt insulted and offended by his behaviour. This act also leads to hatred among different communities as the clip of the incident went viral on social media, the complaint stated.

The police are now seeking the details of the incident and will summon the organisers for questioning.

'I was threatened'

Meanwhile, Mr. Nigam responded to the controversy on Saturday and said he was "threatened by four to five thugs" at the concert. "People in the crowd even told them to not disturb the concert. Others asked me in a polite manner," he said in a video on his *Instagram* account.

The singer said that the few men began demanding Kannada songs right from the beginning. "My show hadn't even started and these guys looked at me in a rude manner and demanded that I sing Kannada songs. No artist should allow his/her audience to threaten him or her," he said.

Mr. Nigam also spoke about his Pahalgam terror attack comment that left the fans furious. "We need to remind such people that at Pahalgam, people weren't asked about their language before being killed."

He added that he has no hatred towards Kannadigas. "They are very sweet people. At every concert, I bring a one-hour set of Kannada songs."

Mr. Nigam is one of the most sought-after singers in the Kannada film industry after the success of the 2006 film *Mungaru Male*. He has sung chartbusters in films such as *Gaalipata* (2008), *Milana* (2007), *Sanju Weds Geetha 2* (2011), and more.

Entries invited for translation prize

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Sahitya Akademi has invited books for its annual translation prize for 2025.

The annual award honours outstanding translations of literary works into the 24 Indian languages recognised by the akademi. Books published between January 1, 2019, and December 31, 2023, are eligible.

The akademi encourages translators, publishers, and literary enthusiasts to submit one copy of the translated work along with the duly filled application form.

The deadline for the submission is May 31, said a release.

The prize recognises and promotes literary exchange across Indian languages by honouring translators who bring regional masterpieces to a wider audience, the release added.

For detailed guidelines, eligibility criteria, and the application form, interested individuals can visit the akademi's website: www.sahitya-akademi.gov.in.

Timings
BENGALURU

SUNDAY, MAY. 04
RISE 05:58 SET 18:35
RISE 12:06 SET 00:24

MONDAY, MAY. 05
RISE 05:57 SET 18:35
RISE 12:59 SET 01:09

TUESDAY, MAY. 06
RISE 05:57 SET 18:36
RISE 13:48 SET 01:49

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	35	25
Mysuru	34	20
Bengaluru	33	20

Bengaluru Today
33°C Morning will be pleasant. Day will be warm. Spell of light to moderate rain and thundershower with gusty winds to occur.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
34°C The weather will be mostly dry. Day will be warm. Night will be pleasant.

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E-Tender Notice No: 08/SBC/25 of 24-04-2025
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the following work.

Name of the Work	Approx. Value
Bengaluru - Mysuru	Rs. 2,60,07,140/-

Section : Proposed construction of Foot Over Bridge at Km 11/400-500 near Kengeri Station (Gangway : 40.0m x 3.0m, Ramp : 2x3.0m Doglegged) for pedestrian movement (4T crossing). Maintenance period is 6 months or one monsoon period whichever is later.

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 15:00 Hrs on 19-05-2025**
For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in
Senior Divisional Engineer / Co-ordination Bengaluru
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PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **Mr. J.RAJAKUMAR**, S/o. S.Jayavelu, has lost the original Sale Deed dated 08/08/1968, registered as Document No.1089, and another Original sale Deed dated 06/09/1979, both registered in the office of the Sub Registrar, Jayanagar Bangalore, and sanction plan, with respect to Site No.57/14, Situated at 2nd Cross L.C. Shankarappa Layout, Bangalore-560030 Measuring East to West 30 Feet and North to South 45 Feet, Totally measuring 1500 Square Feet, has been lost or misplaced and a E- compliant for lost serial No.1590782 has been lodged on 03.05.2025. Any person having possession of the said document or having any manner of claim in respect of the said property shall hand over the document to the under signed within 3 days from today failing which it shall be deemed that nobody else has any kind of claim and the certified copy obtained from the Sub Registrar's Office will be treated as original hence forth .

ASCENT LEGAL INC.,
AKHIL AHMED .P, Advocate
No.3, BTM 1st Stage,
Bangalore-560029 | Mob: 9880354972

PUBLIC NOTICE

This notice is issued on behalf of my client **Mr.S.Kiran,** S/o.Sri.Sampangiramaiah to bring to the notice of the general public that the Original Deposit of Title Deeds documents i.e., (1)Bearing doc.no.NGB-1-03350-2011-12, in Book-1, CD No.NGBD 108, dated: 01.08.2011, (2)Bearing doc.no. NGB-1-03671-2011-12, in Book-1, CD No.NGBD 111, dated: 08.08.2011, (3)Bearing doc.no. NGB-1-11134-2017-18, in Book-1, CD No.NGBD 329, dated: 14.03.2018 and (4)Bearing doc.no. NGB-1-04333-2021-22, in Book-1, CD No.NGBD 999, dated: 01.09.2021, all the above are registered in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Nagarabhavi, Bangalore, are lost.

If any person/s, firm, company, institution or organization has any claim are holding the afore mentioned document, they shall return the same or contact the undersigned in writing within **14 days** from the date of this notice failing which it will be presumed that there are no claims.

SCHEDULE :

All that piece and parcel of the **Property bearing Municipal No.167/1,** PID No.40-206-167/1, formed out of Sy.Nos.11, 12/1, 2, 3, 13/1, 13/2, 14 and 18 of **Gangondanahalli, situated at BCC HBCS 2nd Stage,** within the jurisdiction of Ward No.132, B.B.M.P., Bangalore, **measuring East to West: 31-0 Feet and North to South: 29-0 Feet, totally measuring to an extent of 899 Sq.Feet** and bounded on: **East by : 9X29 Feet Common Passage then Property No.166, West by: Property No.168, North by : Road, South by : Remaining Portion i.e., Southern side Portion of the Property No.167 belonged to Sri.S.Rakesh.**

Raviprakash.H.C, Advocate,
#644/32, 6th Main, Vijayanagar,
Bengaluru-560040.
Mobile No : 8660025758 / 9980052890

PUBLIC NOTICE

This notice is issued on behalf of my client **Mrs.Lakshmi Bai,** W/o.Late.Ramanna Nayak, to bring to the notice of the general public that the Original documents i.e., (1) Deposit of Title Deeds bearing doc.no.3832/2001-02, in Book-1, Addl.Volume No.2356 at Pages 102 to 106, dated:19.12.2001 and (2) Discharge Deed bearing doc.no.SRI-1-03875-2004-05, in Book-1, same was stored in CD No.SRID 26, dated:24.11.2004, both the above are registered in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Srirampuram, Bangalore, are lost.

If any person/s, firm, company, institution or organization has any claim are holding the afore mentioned document, they shall return the same or contact the undersigned in writing within **14 days** from the date of this notice failing which it will be presumed that there are no claims.

SCHEDULE:

All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing **New Municipal No.11,** earlier Half Portion of the Property bearing No.11/7, Old Property No.7, formed out of Sy.No.105 of Kempapura Agrahara, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, then situated at **1st Cross, Bapuji Colony, Bangalore,** now it is coming under the limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Ward No.134(42), Bangalore. As per the BBMP Tax Receipt **the Property bearing New Municipal No.11, situated at 1st Cross, Bapujinagar, Bangalore, measuring East to West: 30-0 Feet and North to South: 40-0 Feet, in all measuring 1200 Square Feet,** along with 2 Squares R.C.C Roofed Residential House, Red Oxide Flooring Doors and Windows are made up of Jungle Wood, with all civic amenities thereon and bounded on: **East by: House belongs to Appayyanna, West by: Remaining Portion of the same Property, now others Property, North by: Site No.15, South by: Road.**

Raviprakash.H.C, Advocate,
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MEGA E-AUCTION
NOTICE OF SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES ON 22.05.2025

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) / Rule 9 (1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the **Constructive/Actual Possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer (details mentioned below), will be sold on **"As is where is"and "As is what is" basis on 22.05.2025** at the below mentioned timings for recovery of dues with further interest and cost thereon due to the **Karnataka Bank Ltd.**

The details are as under: Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposits details are as under & the Earnest Money Deposit shall be deposited on or before **21.05.2025 at 4.00 pm** through online payment to the Account No. details of which are given below or by way of DD favouring **Karnataka Bank Ltd.**

Sl. No.	Name of the Borrowers/Mortgagors/Guarantors/ Co-Obligants and Loan Account No.	Balance O/S Rs. Future Interest From + Costs	Possession Date Possession Type	Description of the Property/ies	Reserve Price (Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs.	Auction Time	Incremental Value of the Bid	Branch Name & Account Details for Remitting EMD/ IFSC Code
1	**(1) Mr. Balakrishna V,** S/o Mr. Velu Chinnaswamy, **(2) Mrs. Bhavya Lakshmi B,** W/o Mr. Balakrishna V, **Both are R/at :** No. 20/1, 3rd Floor, 10th Cross, Behind Prassanna Theater, Manjunathanagar, Bengaluru-560023. **Loan A/c No: TL A/c 9047001800035001**	Rs. 27,66,289.62 20.04.2025	10.07.2024 Actual	All that piece and parcel of **Residential Vacant Site bearing No.44,** presently having Panchayatha Khata No. 21/44, E-Khata No. 150200302402520881, admeasuring 111.41 Sq.mtrs. (East to West: 9.14 meter, North to South: 12.19 meter), carved out in converted lands bearing no. 29/4 and 29/5B in the Layout known as "Sanjeevini Residency", situated at Soolivara Village, Tavarekere Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru-562130. **belonging to Mr. Balakrishna V Boundaries of Property: East by** : Site No.43, **West by** : Site No.45, **North by** : Private Property bearing No. 29/3, **South by :** 9 meter Road. **Location of the property: 12.893847, 77.364869**	Rs. 25,20,000/-	Rs. 2,52,000/-	10.30 AM to 10.50 AM	Rs. 25,000/-	Karnataka Bank Ltd Branch: Bengaluru - Hesaraghatta Main Road A/c No: 9043500200004101 IFSC:KARB0000904
2	**(1) Mr. Bhagiratha S,** S/o Mr. Sadashivaiah, **(2) Mrs. S Bhanurekha,** W/o Mr. Bhagiratha S, **Both addressed at:** H#159, ASB Nilaya, Sunkadakatte, Magadi Main Road, Bengaluru-560091. **Loan A/c Nos.: (1) TL A/c No.3257001600054201 (2) TL A/c No.3257001600054701**	Total Rs. 2,94,69,150.96 [(1) Rs. 1,18,82,443.60 29.05.2024 + (2) Rs. 1,75,86,707.36 11.06.2024]	12.10.2021 Constructive	All that part and parcel of land measuring **1900 sqft** (East to West-40ft, North to South-(45+50)/2=47.5ft) and residential building consisting of GF+FF+TeF measuring **2497.82 sqft in Site No.56, Khata No.60/56,** Jnanajyothinagar, II Stage, Layout formed in Sy.No.60, Mallathahalli Village, Yeshwanthapur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, coming within the jurisdiction of Ward No.129 of BBMP, New PID No. 129-W0940-39, Bangalore-560056, belonging to **Mr. Bhagiratha S and Mrs. Bhanu Rekha. Boundaries of Property (as per deed/actual): East by:** Road/11th Cross Road, **West by:** Property No.57/3 floor residential building, **North by:** Property No.32/Vacant plot, **South by:** Property belongs to Sri. H. Venkatesh/Vacant plot. **Property Location: Latitude & Longitude: 12.956768, 77.494064**	Rs. 2,00,00,000/-	Rs. 20,00,000/-	11.30 AM to 11.50 AM	Rs. 1,00,000/-	Karnataka Bank Ltd Branch : Bengaluru– Hunsemaranahalli A/c No: 3253500200004101 IFSC:KARB0000325
3	**(1) Mrs. Jagadishwari S,** W/o Mr. B.V. Vijayakumar, **(2) Mr. B.V. Vijayakumar,** S/o B.R. Venkatesh, **Both are addressed at :** No.26, 8th Cross, Magadi Road, Bengaluru – 560023. **Loan A/c No.: PSTL A/c No.0547001800117901**	Rs. 19,69,531.76 08.04.2025	21.01.2025 Physical	All that part and parcel of Residential **Flat No.006,** comprising of 2 BHK, in ground floor of **'S.R. SERENE HOMES'** Apartment, having Super built up area of **1067 Sq.ft** along with **588 Sq.ft** of undivided share, right, title and interest in land, with one covered car parking space in stilt, including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lift, lobbies, staircase, constructed on converted land bearing **Survey No.60/3**, presently bearing **BBMP Khata No.65,** situated at 3rd Cross Road, Kanakagiri Layout, Kalkere Main Road, Banjara Layout, Horamavu Agara Village, K.R Puram Hobli, Bengaluru-560043, belonging to Mrs. Jagadishwari S and Mr. B.V. Vijayakumar. **Boundaries of property as per Documents : East :** 3rd Cross Road, **West :** Remaining land of Sampathrajkumar Naidu, **North :** Private Property, **South:** Remaining land of **Sampathrajkumar Naidu. Boundaries of Flat : East :** Open Space & Flat No.005, **West :** Open Space & then Flat No.007, **North :** Corridor/Entrance, **South :** Open to Sky. **Property Location: Latitude & Longitude: 13.039446, 77.663532**	Rs. 50,00,000/-	Rs. 5,00,000/-	10.30 AM to 10.50 AM	Rs. 50,000/-	Karnataka Bank Ltd Branch : Bengaluru – Industrial Finance A/c No: 0543500200004101 IFSC:KARB0000054
4	**(1) M/s. Kalabhairava Fuel Station, Represented by its Proprietor: Mr. G.N.Kiran Kumar,** Survey No.7/4, Tavarekere Hobli, Sulivara Village, Bengaluru-562130. Also at: C/o G.N.Kiran Kumar, Near Govt. School, S Gollahalli, Tavarekere (H), Bengaluru South Taluk, Chikkanahalli Post, Bengaluru-562130 **(2) Mr. G.N.Kiran Kumar,** S/o Late Nagaraju G.B, **(3) Mrs.Vijayalakshmi,** W/o Late Nagaraju G.B, **No.2 and No.3 are addressed at:** Near Govt.School, S Gollahalli, Tavarekere (H), Bengaluru South Taluk, Chikkanahalli Post, Bengaluru-562130 **Loan A/c No.: PSOD A/c No.9027000600008601**	Rs. 61,15,308.91 01.04.2025	19.09.2024 Constructive	All that part and parcel of the converted property bearing **Site No.42, Khata No.46/1, carved out of Sy.No.46, measuring 1200 Sq ft**, situated at Puradpalya Village, Tavarakere Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru, belonging to **Mr.Kiran Kumar G.N and Mrs.Vijayalakshmi. Boundaries of property as per Document : East :** Site No.29, **West :** Road, **North :** Private Property, **South :** Site No.41. **Property Location: Latitude & Longitude:12.944829, 77.378107**	Rs. 20,00,000/-	Rs. 2,00,000/-	1.00 P.M to 1.20 P.M	Rs. 25,000/-	Karnataka Bank Ltd Branch: Bengaluru – Kengeri Satellite A/c No: 9023500200004101 IFSC: KARB0000902
5	**(1) Mrs. Kalavathi,** W/o Sathisha, **(2) Mr. Sathisha,** S/o Ramachandrappa, **Both are addressed at:** No.85, 5th Cross, Vinayaka Layout, Nayandahalli, Bengaluru – 560039 **Loan A/c No.: TL A/c No.9597001600007201**	Rs. 1,24,61,203.08 13.04.2025	28.12.2023 Constructive	All that part and parcel of the property bearing **Khata No.80, Property No.152900402001800133,** measuring **4800 Sq.ft** [East to West – 120 feet and North to South – 40 feet], with Residential Building constructed thereon, situated at Manchanayakanahalli Village and GP, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk and District, belonging to **Mrs.Kalavathi. Boundaries of property as per Document : East :** Road. **West :** Thoti Inam Land, **North :** Property of Rangaswamy (Earlier owned by Muttappa), **South :** Property of Ramachandrappa. **Property Location: Latitude & Longitude:12.834066,77.416589**	Rs. 2,20,00,000/-	Rs. 22,00,000/-	2.25 P M to 2.40 P.M	Rs. 1,00,000/-	Karnataka Bank Ltd Branch : Bengaluru – Sir M. Vishweshwaraiah Layout A/c No: 9593500200004101 IFSC:KARB0000959
6	**(1) Mr.Shivakumar K.S,** S/o Sanjivappa, **(2) Mrs.Padmavathi P,** W/o Shivakumar K.S. **Both are residing at :** No.651/A, Bapuji Colony, Kengeri, Bengaluru-560060, **(3) Mr.Manjunatha K.R**, S/o Ramegowda, No.648, 5th Main Road, Opp: COD Quarters, Kengeri Satellite Town, Bengaluru-560060, **Loan A/c No.: TL A/c No.9027001600022001**	Rs. 14,19,697.12 17.04.2025	30.08.2018 & Constructive	All that piece and parcel of property measuring 26 ft X 16 ½ ft bearing No.2, VP Khata No.749/297, now comimg under BBMP bearing Khata No.994/A/749/A/297/A situated in Kengeri, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, with building constructed thereon measuring 1500 sq ft **belonging to Mr.Shivakumar K.S . Boundaries of property: East** : Road; **West:** Property belonging to Sri Radhakrishna and Sri Madaiah; **North :** 4 ft Passage; **South:** Property belonging to Sri S Babu, under same number. **Property Location: Latitude & Longitude: 12.90899, 77.48185**	Rs. 41,00,000/-	Rs. 4,10,000/-	11.15 AM to 11.30 AM	Rs. 50,000/-.	Karnataka Bank Ltd Branch : Bengaluru – Kengeri Satellite Town A/c No: 9023500200004101 IFSC:KARB0000902

(The borrower's/mortgagor's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset).
(This Notice shall also serve as Notice under Sub Rule (6) of Rule (8)Sub Rule (1) of Rule (9) of Security Interest Enforcement Rules-2002 to the Borrower/Guarantors).
For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer to link in Karnataka Bank's Website i.e. https://karnatakabank.com under the head "Regulatory and others".
The E-auction will be conducted through portal www.auctionbazaar.com on **22.05.2025** at above mentioned time with unlimited extension of 05 minutes. The intending bidder is required to register their name at **www.auctionbazaar.com** and get the user Id and password free of cost and get training i.e. online training on E-auction (tentatively on **21.05.2025**) from **M/s Auction Bazaar, 7-1-28/1/A/1 Park Avenue 1, Ameerpet, Begumpet, Hyderabad, Secunderbad, Telangana, India, 500016, Contact Mobile No. 8885035382, E-mail : disposal.karnataka@auctionbazaar.com.**

Date : 29.04.2025
Place: Bengaluru

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UGNEET to be held today

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Undergraduate National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (UG-NEET-2025), which is the gateway for entrance to medical courses, will be held on Sunday across the country from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. The exam is scheduled to be conducted in pen-and-paper mode (OMR-based). In Karnataka, there will be 381 exam centres, with approximately 1.4 lakh students expected to take the exam.

National Testing Agency (NTA) is conducting the UGNEET and this year 23 lakh students have registered across India.

"Candidates wearing articles or objects of faith (customary/ cultural/ religious) should report at the centre at least two hours before the last reporting time so that there is enough time for proper frisking. If upon screening, it is discovered that any candidate is actually carrying a suspected device within such item of faith, he/she may be asked not to take it into the examination hall," the release said.

However, in case, candidates come in cultural/ customary dress at the examination centre, they should report at least an hour before the last reporting time 12.30 pm. Slippers and sandals with low heels are permitted. Shoes are not permitted.

Govt. urged to reduce SSLC pass percentage from current 35 to 33

KAMS wants the formation of a high-level committee on SSLC exam reforms immediately

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

To improve pass percentage in the SSLC examination, the Associated Managements of Primary and Secondary Schools in Karnataka (KAMS), an association of private school managements, has urged the State government to reduce the pass percentage from the current 35% to 33% to bring parity with national standards.

The KAMS submitted a series of policy-level reforms and recommendations to improve the pass percentages in the SSLC exam to Rashmi Mahesh, principal secretary of the Department of School Education and Literacy, on Saturday, after comparing the education system of States like Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, and the Union Territory of Puducherry.

The association has requested the government to form a high-level committee on SSLC exam reforms immediately. The association has observed that the passing mark for SSLC exam required in Karnataka is higher than that in the other States.

The Associated Managements of Primary and Secondary Schools in Karnataka has observed that the passing marks for the SSLC exam in Karnataka is higher than that in other States. FILE PHOTO

"While in Karnataka it is 35%, CBSE has it at 33%. In Kerala, it is 30% in all subjects and also in total. In Andhra Pradesh, students must score 35% in each subject except in Hindi (20%). Overall 32.5% is required," the association has said.

"There is no uniformity in the subjects studied. Science, mathematics, and social science are mostly common subjects with two languages, one being English. The other is regional language. External (Theory) examination is there in all patterns. There is no internal assessment at all in Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu (where science practicals are considered Internal). Most of the other States also have a blended model of internal and external assessment for student evaluation. In Telangana, 20 internal assessment exists for each subject. In Kerala, 130 marks are for internals and 520 for externals. In CBSE, 20 marks are for internal and 80 marks for external exam and a student needs to pass with 33% overall, including the internals. However, in Karnataka, a student must separately score 35% in the final exam as internal assessment is not counted," the association said.

The association also recommends dual exam option in maths and science. In CBSE, students have the option to choose between basic maths and standard maths that will accommodate diverse student learning needs. A similar system in Karnataka will reduce the burden on students, the association added.

Another recommendation of KAMS is to align the textbooks and curriculum to the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) textbooks.

Improving teacher training, strengthening the continuous and comprehension evaluation are the other reforms have been suggested.

Three killed in road accident

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Three persons, including a 14-year-old girl, were killed and three others injured when a KSRTC bus crashed into their autorickshaw near Mallara Banaswadi in Nelamangala on Saturday.

The deceased have been identified as Srinivasa, 40, autorickshaw driver; Puttamma, 55, passenger, and her granddaughter Varshitha.

The injured Ratnamma, daughter of Puttamma; her daughter Lekhana, 11, and Puttamma's son Venkatesha, 37, were admitted to the hospital.

The incident occurred around 11.30 a.m. when Srinivasa picked up the passengers and headed to a neighbouring area to drop them. The family had gone to a function and was returning home.

The autorickshaw was trying to pass through the interjection on the main road when the KSRTC bus headed to Horanadu crashed into the vehicle.

There was a rumble strip on either side of the interjection to slow down the vehicles, but the driver was speeding which led to the accident, the police said. Passers-by rushed to the spot and shifted the victims to the hospital.

The Nelamangala traffic police reached the spot and brought in a crane to move the damaged vehicles. There were nearly 60 passengers in the bus and they escaped unhurt. Traffic was disrupted for some time.

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
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e - Procurement Notice No. ACE, RBB- 02 / 2025-26

1. Type of Work : Road Work.
2. Total No. of Works : 01 (One) No.
3. Amount put to Tender : Rs. 817.82 Lakh
4. Period of Completion : 12 (Twelve) Calendar months
5. Paper Cost : Rs.10,000/- per each
6. Class of Contractor : 'A' or 'Spl.' Class of Contractor

Sl. No.	Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Name of Work	Bid Amount (Rs. in lakh)	Availability & Submission of Bid On-line
1.	Addl. CE, RB Basin, Berhampur	ACE, RBB(BEID)-02/2025-26	Improvement to Service Road from RD 12.00Km to 23.00Km of HBMC and its distributaries that is Kanaka, Jaleswarkhandi, Chadheiapalli, Balia and Kharida-II of HIP.	817.82	From 06.05.2025, 10.00 A.M. to 22.05.2025, 5.00 P.M.

Date of opening of the Technical Bid :- **23.05.2025 at 11.30 A.M.**
Bidders to be participate in online bidding only. Further details can be seen from the Govt. of Odisha e-Procurement Web-site www.tendersodisha.gov.in. Any addendum/ corrigendum/cancellation of the tender can be seen in the above website only.

Additional Chief Engineer, Rushikulya Bahuda Basin, Berhampur
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Bihar Horticulture Development Society, Patna
(State Horticulture Mission)
2nd Floor, Krishi Bhawan, Mithapur, Patna-800001,
E-mail: dir-bhds-bih@nic.in, Website: horticulture.bihar.gov.in
NOTICE – INVITING E-TENDER
Through e-procurement mode only over (https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in)

Very Short E-Tender notice for the empanelment of agencies involved in Tissue Culture Plant Production to secure availability of Tissue Culture Banana Planting Material during 2025-26 in the State of Bihar.

For the holistic development of horticulture in the state of Bihar, Bihar Horticulture Development Society (BHDS), Bihar, Patna invites e-tender from interested Govt./Semi Govt. organizations / Registered Private Tissue Culture Plant Producers having their own tissue culture laboratory accredited by the Department of Bio Technology (DBT), hardening units and facilities of basic infrastructures for **empanelment** to ensure timely availability of quality Tissue Culture Banana Planting Material on uniform price, as determined by the evaluation committee of BHDS, to the farmers of the state of Bihar. In determination of uniform price of Tissue Culture Plants for the state, financial proposals of the technically qualified agencies may be taken under consideration.

E-tender forms including terms and conditions for technical qualification, specifications, as well as quality and quantity of T.C. Banana Planting Material and procedure is available on website: **horticulture.bihar.gov.in/ https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in**. Applicants may upload/submit their tender along with all required documents for technical qualification through the online portal https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in. Financial proposals should also be proposed on that portal in prescribed form separately.

Proposal can only be uploaded/submitted on the website https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in **while EMD and Tender Document Cost payment should be through online mode (NEFT/RTGS only).**

SN	Activity	Date/Time: Duration
1.	Start Date & Time for Downloading of Tender document	10.05.2025 (10:00 Hrs.)
2	Date of pre-bid meeting	14.05.2025 (11:00 Hrs.), Link is provided on **https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in**
3.	Last Date & Time for Downloading of Tender document	20.05.2025 (13:00 Hrs.)
4.	Last Date & Time for submission/ uploading of offer/Bid	20.05.2025 (17:00 Hrs.)
5.	Date and time of technical bid opening	20.05.2025 (17:30 Hrs.)
6.	Date and time of financial bid opening	To be intimated to technically successful bidder only
7.	Nodal officer/Contact person for queries	Sri Rakesh Kumar , Deputy Director Horticulture (Mob No. - 9431818929) Smt Ruby Kumari , A ssistant Director Horticulture (Mob No. 9431818966)
8.	Mode of Selection	Least Cost Based Selection- LCBS (L1)

Mission Director, Bihar Horticulture Development Society, Patna reserves the right to revise/change/ cancel the proposal without assigning any reasons thereof.
For further details please visit : **www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar** **Mission Director,**
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CCB arrests four for selling IPL RCB-CSK match tickets illegally

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Officials of the Central Crime Branch (CCB) on Friday arrested a gang of four selling tickets for the Royal Challengers Bengaluru-Chennai Super Kings game at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium on the black market.

A team of officials caught Charanraj at Yeshwantpur Pipeline Road and seized 12 tickets from him. The accused was selling tickets priced at ₹1,200 for ₹10,000.

Based on his information, the police arrested Harshavardhan, Vinay Kamaleshkar, and Venkat Sai, and recovered 20 more tickets, four mobile phones, and ₹1 lakh from them.

Among the accused, Venkat Sai is a temporary member of the Karnataka State Cricket Association who allegedly roped in the other accused to sell the tickets illegally and make a quick buck. The police suspect the involvement of insiders and the case has been taken up by special inquiry wing for further investigation.

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BENGALURU SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT LIMITED
Office of the Deputy General Manager-2, BSWML, 1st Floor, UNI Building, Thimmaiah Road, Vasanth Nagar, Bengaluru – 560 052

No. DGM-2/BSWML/Tend/03/25-26 Date: 03.05.2025

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT)

(Through GOK KPP Only)

The Deputy General Manager-2, Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Limited on behalf of the Managing Director, BSWML, Bengaluru invites tender from eligible tenderers for the Project management consultancy services for the works mentioned in the table below. The tenderers may submit tenders for services through KPP portal of the Government of Karnataka (viz. https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in). The tenderers are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified is as per KC-6 and KC-7 of standard bidders documents. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents.

Sl. No.	Name of work	Estimate amount of works (Rs. In Lakhs)	Duration (Including Mansoon)	EMD Amount in Rs.
1	Appointment of PMC for the work of Bio-Mining Legacy waste at Mavallipura Sy,No.08	2821.18	16 Months	60,000/-
2	Appointment of PMC for the work of Development of Approach Roads to at Mittiganahalli and Kannuru Landfill surroundings in Mahadevapura Constituency (Call-3)	5000.00	9 Months	1,00,000/-

Calendar of Events:

1. Last date to upload pre-bid queries: 12.05.2025 upto 17.00 Hrs. in KPP Portal.
2. Pre bid Meeting: 13.05.2025 at 15.00 Hrs at the office of CE & CGM (Tech), BSWML, Thimmaiah Road, Vasanthnagar, Bangalore.
3. Last date for submission of the bids: 23.05.2025 upto 16.00 Hrs.
4. Date of opening of Technical bid on : 26.05.2025 at 16.30 Hrs.
5. Date of opening of Financial bids to be notified to technically qualified bidders.

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2. Any corrigendum/addendum will be published in the KPP portal only.

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Sd/- Deputy General Manager-2
BSWML

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
E-Tender Notice No. 03 UBL 2025-26
Dated : 29-04-2025
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the following works.

Name of the Work	Approx. Value
Hubballi Division : Proposed full rake escape for line No. 08 and 8A at Mangalampeta Yard for Murmugao part Authority.	Rs. 27,29,925/-

Last date for submission of bids: Upto 11:00 Hrs on 14-05-2025
For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in
Senior Divisional Engineer / Co-ordination Hubballi
PUB/80/AAS/PRB/SWR/2025-26
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SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
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For details log on: www.swr.indianrailways.gov.in
Senior Divisional Commercial Manager Bengaluru
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SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
E-Tender Notice No: B-TRD-29-2025-26-OT-01
Dated : 29-04-2025
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the following work.

Name of the Work	Approx. Value
Hiring of staffs for Manning of TSS, data entry operators, CAD operators, Scheduling and data management operator for Energy management cell for a duration of two years in the sections of Bengaluru (Incl-JT) (Excl), Baiyyappanahalli, (Incl) - Omalur (Excl), Chikka Banavara (Incl) - Sampige Road (Incl) and Bangarapet (Excl) - Yelhanka (Excl) Sec.	Rs. 2,84,83,527/-

Last date for submission of bids: Upto 17:00 Hrs on 20-05-2025
For details log on: https://gem.gov.in
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Chennai Super Kings captain M.S. Dhoni playing football in the company of a robotic camera dog ahead of the IPL match against Royal Challengers Bengaluru at M. Chinnaswamy Stadium on Saturday. K. MURALI KUMAR

Bescom sees single-digit distribution losses for two years in a row

The utility has attributed this dip to reduced power interruptions

Jahnavi T.R.
BENGALURU

The power utilities in Karnataka have been trying hard to reduce their distribution losses for many years. The Bangalore Electricity Supply Company (Bescom), which is responsible for almost 50% of the State's distribution, incurred distribution losses of 9.13% in the financial year (FY) 2023-24.

For quite a few years, the distribution losses of Bescom were around 11%, attracting a lot of flak towards the company by the consumers. In FY 2021-22, it was 11.63% while in the FY 2020-21, it was 11.99%. Interestingly, in FY 2022-23, the distribution loss went down to single digit (9.71%). The trend continued in 2023-24 (9.13%).

Bescom attributes this dip to reduced power interruptions. "We have cut down on power interruptions. Our two projects of aerial bunched cables (ABC) and underground (UG) cables are almost 100% complete. This has helped us in increasing our reliability and, thereby, cut down on our distribution losses," said a senior official from the Energy Audit Department of Bescom.

Distribution losses of Bescom

Financial Year	Distribution losses (in %)
2020 - 21	11.99
2021 - 22	11.63
2022 - 23	9,71
2023 - 24	9.13

The multiple year tariff order recently issued by the Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (KERC), approved distribution losses of 9.65% for FY 2025 - 26, of 9.40% for FY 2026 - 27, and 9.15% for FY 2027 - 28. If the losses are less than this, it attracts incentives to the company while exceeding these targets will attract penalties.

To reduce the loss further, KERC directed all the escoms to identify the high loss sub-divisions or divisions, and prioritise the capex specifically to reduce them.

The commission added, "Furthermore, the commission has observed that energy audit reports of cities and towns, complete with detailed analysis, are not being submitted regularly. Escoms are required to conduct energy audits of identified cities and towns. Based on the audit results, initiate necessary actions to reduce distribution losses, and improve collection efficiency, aimed at achieving targeted loss levels of less than 15% in all towns.

"It has been noted that several towns and cities show abnormally higher energy losses. Escoms are directed to prioritise these areas and implement corrective measures to reduce losses. Escoms are directed to conduct the energy audit and submit compliance reports quarterly to the Commission, without fail."

While Bescom has managed to bring down the distribution losses, consumers are still not happy with the progress. "According to international standards, distribution losses should be less than 5%. These reductions are otherwise of no use to consumers, as there is no accountability for the power that is lost," said M. G. Prabhakar, former member of the KERC advisory committee.

Groundwater exploitation in Bengaluru Rural dist. a threat to drinking water systems: Study

Shilpa Elizabeth
BENGALURU

A recent study by researchers at Water, Environment, Land and Livelihoods (WELL) Labs and Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment (ATREE) shows groundwater exploitation in the Upper Arkavathy watershed in Bengaluru Rural district posing a major threat to rural drinking water systems.

Based on data collected from Doddathumakuru and Aralumallige gram panchayats in the Aralumallige sub watershed, the research report identifies that the problem is largely driven by the free supply of electricity to farmers for irrigation borewells, which promotes the over-abstraction of groundwater and imposes an 'electricity debt' on the gram panchayats.

The Aralumallige sub watershed, a 20 sq. km catchment on the outskirts of Bengaluru, is a semi-arid region that receives an average annual rainfall of around 800 mm. Groundwater is the sole source of irrigation for farmers in this region.

According to the study authored by Veena Srinivasan, Lakshmikantha N.R., Manjunatha G., and Ganesh Nagnath Shinde, the water abstraction far exceeds groundwater recharge from rainfall. It points out that drinking water schemes in these areas are not sustainable and continued access to piped drinking water is at serious risk.

According to a study, groundwater exploitation is largely driven by the free supply of electricity for irrigation borewells. FILE PHOTO

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>
> **VEENA SRINIVASAN,** Lead author of the report

"The market factors are driving farmers to pump more. But the rainfall is only around 800 mm which will get exhausted by the time you irrigate a third of the land. The other two-thirds still need water which is why there is the problem of competitive drilling. It is a landscape which is water limited - land is plentiful, water is not enough. Everybody is chasing a limited resource," explains Ms. Srinivasan, lead author of the report.

The problem is not unique to the region but is shared by many rural areas across Karnataka and the rest of peninsular India, says the study.

To address the challenges, the study calls for a 'fundamentally different approach to planning' and suggests incentives to farmers to transition to diversified income portfolios that can both increase farmer incomes and reduce abstraction.

"If you are using much more water than is available through rainfall, then there are only two ways forward. Either bring water from somewhere far away, which the government is already doing through treated wastewater schemes. Or you limit the amount of water you are pumping," says Ms. Srinivasan who admits that the latter is a politically fraught issue.

"The government's focus is primarily on putting recharge structures. All the farmers are using drip irrigation. After all of this there is still a gap. So, can there be an incentive mechanism where farmers are paid to not pump more than a certain amount? These types of schemes are still to gain traction. But that's something we need to start discussing," she suggests.

Mr. Lakshmikantha, who has been working in the region since 2014, adds to it. "There will be at least financial benefits if the extraction depths change. There will be huge energy savings if you can pump from lesser depths. And, if you can give that electricity savings back to the farmer then you have a win-win situation."

Shallow aquifer technology revives water supply at Gollahalli to ease summer woes

Vyas Ponnuri
Mathew William
BENGALURU

A rejuvenated recharge well drawing from a shallow aquifer at Gollahalli village in Bengaluru has significantly eased water scarcity during the blistering summer. Drawing water from depths of 15 to 100 feet, the well serves as an alternative to borewells, mitigating the pressure on groundwater sources.

The rejuvenation was implemented under the Central Government's AMRUT 2.0 scheme, with Biome Environmental Trust, a non-profit organisation, playing a pivotal role.

"One of the wells, which is over 50 years old, was filled with garbage," recalled Neelima Ramesh, a social worker at Biome. Her team revived the well within a year, making it operational by 2024.

The recharge well replenishes every 48 hours, ensuring supply once every two days.

Renuka, a *poura karmika* and resident, has become a local hero and is called 'Water Woman', as she manages the daily operations, running the motor from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. Her efforts ensure water reaches over 50 homes, shops, a temple, and a public toilet near Avalahalli lake.

Support from local corporator K. Somashekar, who provided pipes and motors, helped the initiative.

Kavita, a resident of the village, said, "Earlier, borewell water was not sufficient to cater to the daily needs of the locals. Now we use this water for daily chores."

With a 5 MLD Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) under construction and plans to revive two more wells, the future of water supply in Gollahalli village looks increasingly secure.

23rd edition of The Hindu EducationPlus Career Counselling to go on till May 18

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The ongoing 23rd edition of The Hindu EducationPlus Career Counselling that started on April 26, will go on till May 18.

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The schedule

PLACE	DATE	VENUE	ADDRESS
Vijayapura	06-05-2025	BLDECET	BLDEA's V.P. Dr. P.G. Halakatti College of Engineering and Technology, Ashram Road, Adarsh Nagar, Vijayapura
Bengaluru Central	08-05-2025	Jnanajyothi Auditorium,	#11, Central College Campus, Bengaluru Central University, Palace Road, Bengaluru
Mangaluru	17-05-2025	Sri Sudheendra Auditorium	Canara High School campus, Kodiabail, Mangaluru
Bidar	17-05-2025	Sri Poojya Channa Basava Pattadevaru Rang Mandir, near district stadium, Bidar	Sri Poojya Channa Basava Pattadevaru Rang Mandir, near district stadium, Bidar
Tumakuru	18-05-2025	Birla Auditorium	Siddaganga Institute of Technology , Tumakuru
Kalaburagi	18-05-2025	Poojya Doddappa Appa Sabha Bhavan	Poojya Doddappa Appa Sabha Bhavan, Sharana Basava University, Kalaburagi

The registration for each event will be held between 8.30 a.m. and 9.30 a.m., while the main programme will be held from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The entry will be free for all students and parents. Each participating student will receive a complimentary copy of *The Hindu's Career Counselling Handbook* – a comprehensive resource featuring over 30 articles authored by distinguished academicians and industry professionals.

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Forest Dept. captures second tusker in three days

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The Forest Department captured a tusker at Parvathamma Betta in Vatepura village of Alur taluk on Saturday. The elephant was known to have attacked human beings and raided crops. This is the second elephant captured by the department in the last three days. On Thursday, the department captured a tusker at Magadi in Sakleshpur taluk.

The forest guards and watchers traced the animal to Parvathamma Betta early in the morning. The team of officials and the tamed elephants reached the spot. Veterinarians sedated the animal by firing a tranquilliser. Later, the staff captured the animal.

Sourabh Kumar, Deputy Conservator of Forests of Hassan division, informed the media that the operation was conducted under the guidance of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) Subhash K. Malkade, Assistant Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Elephant project) R. Manoj, and Conservator of Forests V. Yedukondalu.

The Hindu Huddle, 2025: India in Dialogue

Schedule, May 9

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10:00 am
Opening Ceremony

10:15 am - 11:00 am
State and Nation:
Seeking Fairness within Federalism

Siddaramaiah
Hon'ble Chief Minister, Karnataka

In conversation with
Bageshree S.
Resident Editor, The Hindu

11:05 am - 11:50 am
Fortified State:
Balancing National Security with
Political Expediency

M.K. Narayanan
Former National Security Adviser, India

T.S. Tirumurti
Former Permanent Representative of India to the UN, New York

Moderated by
N. Ravi
Director, Kasturi & Sons

11:55 am - 12:40 pm
Climate Calling:
Is Technology the Panacea for
a Warming Planet?

Dr. Arunabha Ghosh
Founder-CEO, Council on Energy, Environment and Water

Dr. Sambuddha Misra
Chemical Oceanographer and Professor, IISc

Dr. Vibha Dhawan
Director General, TERI

Moderated by
Jacob Koshy
Deputy Science Editor, The Hindu

12:45 am - 1:30 pm
The Female Gaze:
Redefining Cinema on the Global Stage

Nandita Das
Filmmaker and Actor

Shahana Goswami
Actor

Jeo Baby
Filmmaker

Moderated by
Shilajit Mitra
Film Correspondent, The Hindu

1:30 pm - 2:15 pm
Lunch

2:15 pm - 2:45 pm
Whither Social Justice?
Telangana's Bold Governance Experiment

Revanth Reddy
Hon'ble Chief Minister, Telangana

In conversation with
Ravikanth Reddy
Political Editor, Telangana, The Hindu

2:50 pm - 3:20 pm
Maharashtra Unbound:
Gateway to India's Trillion-Dollar Economy*

Devendra Fadnavis
Hon'ble Chief Minister, Maharashtra

In conversation with
Vinaya Deshpande Pandit
Chief of Bureau, Maharashtra, The Hindu

3:25 pm - 4:10 pm
Well-Rounded World View:
Finding a Place for Liberal Education
A Special Session Celebrating Frontline@40

Dr. Bhavani S.
Dean of School of Humanities and Performing Arts, Christ University

Dr. Jonathan Gil Harris
Professor, Ashoka University

Dr. Srinath Raghavan
Professor, Ashoka University

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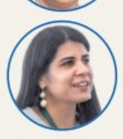

Moderated by
Maya Thiagarajan
Educator and Founder, TREE

4:15 pm - 5:00 pm
No Boundaries:
Growth of Women's Cricket in India

Mithali Raj
Former Captain, India

Shantha Rangaswamy
Former and First Captain, India

Shreyanka Patil
Cricketer, India

Moderated by
K.C. Vijaya Kumar
Sports Editor, The Hindu

5:05 pm - 5:35 pm
From Quantum Valley to Education Hubs:
Leveraging Coalition Politics to
Deliver Good Governance

N. Chandrababu Naidu
Hon'ble Chief Minister, Andhra Pradesh

In conversation with
N. Ram
Director, The Hindu Group

5:40 pm - 6:10 pm
Stand-up Act

Anu Menon

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Schedule, May 10

10:00 am - 10:30 am
Priming the Pump: India's Oil Diplomacy

Hardeep Singh Puri
Hon'ble Union Minister, Petroleum and Natural Gas

In conversation with
Nistula Hebbar
Political Editor, The Hindu

10:35 am - 11:05 am
Digital Superhighway:
Opportunities for India in the Digital Century

Ashwini Vaishnaw
Hon'ble Union Minister for Railways, Information and Broadcasting, Electronics and Information Technology

In conversation with
Varghese K. George
Resident Editor, The Hindu

11:10 am - 11:40 am
Bullets, Bombs and the Human Spirit:
Kashmir's Quest for a Lasting Peace

Omar Abdullah
Hon'ble Chief Minister, Jammu and Kashmir

In conversation with
Narayan Lakshman
Curator, The Hindu Huddle, and Opinion Editor, The Hindu

11:45 am - 12:30 pm
More Than a Sum of Parts:
Reimagining India's Federalism

Palanivel Thiaga Rajan
Hon'ble Minister, Information Technology and Digital Services, Tamil Nadu

Priyank Kharge
Hon'ble Minister, IT-BT, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, Karnataka

P. Rajeeve
Hon'ble Minister, Law, Industries, and Coir, Kerala

Moderated by
Narayan Lakshman
Curator, The Hindu Huddle, and Opinion Editor, The Hindu

12:35 pm - 1:05 pm
Let's Get Gritty: Indigenous Cinema in a Mainstream Environment

Vetri Maaran
Director, Producer, Screenwriter

In conversation with
Baradwaj Rangan
Film Critic

1:10 pm - 2:15 pm
Lunch

2:20 pm - 3:05 pm
In the Hood: The New Forces Shaping Subcontinental Geopolitics

Ranil Wickremesinghe
Former President and Prime Minister, Sri Lanka

T.S. Tirumurti
Former Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations, New York

Moderated by
Suhasini Haidar
Diplomatic Affairs Editor, The Hindu

3:10 pm - 3:40 pm
A Special Session by The Hindu

3:45 pm - 4:30 pm
Let's Talk Work: Future of the Workplace

K. Ganesh
Serial Entrepreneur and Partner, GrowthStory

Hemant Malik
Wholetime Director, Divisional Chief Executive - Foods, ITC

Jayen Mehta
Managing Director, Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation

Suparna Mitra
Chief Executive Officer, Watches and Wearables Division, Titan

Moderated by
L.V. Navaneeth
CEO, The Hindu Group

4:35 pm - 5:20 pm
Non-Communicable Diseases:
Trojan Horse of India's Health

Dr. Anoop Misra
Chairman, Fortis CDOC Hospital for Diabetes and Allied Sciences

Dr. Chandrakant Lahariya
Health and Social Sector Policy Adviser

Dr. Preetha Reddy
Executive Vice Chairperson, Apollo Hospitals

Moderated by
Ramya Kannan
Chief of Bureau, Tamil Nadu, The Hindu

5:25 pm - 6:10 pm
AI for All: Dream of a Democratised and Ethical Technology

Astha Kapoor
Co-founder, Aapti Institute

Kalika Bali
Senior Principal Researcher, Microsoft Research, India

Tanvi Lall
Strategy, People+AI

Moderated by
Manu Joseph
Author, Columnist, and Screenwriter

6:15 pm - 6:25 pm
Closing Remarks

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Task force to tackle communal crimes soon: Parameshwara

To be formed on the lines of the Anti-Naxal Force and headed by an officer of the rank of IGP, it will handle such crimes, including hate speeches, in Dakshina Kannada and Udupi districts, says Home Minister

The Hindu Bureau
MANGALURU

To effectively tackle communal crime, including hate speeches, the State government will shortly form an anti-communal task force, on the lines of the Anti-Naxal Force (ANF), that will work in Dakshina Kannada and Udupi districts, said Home Minister G. Parameshwara in Mangaluru on Saturday.

Talking to reporters after a meeting to review measures following the recent mob lynching and murder in the city, Dr. Parameshwara said the new task force would be headed by an officer of the rank of the Inspector-General of Police (IGP). Personnel from the ANF, which is being tapered down because of the absence of Maoist activity in the State, and other police personnel, would be part of it.

Members of the new task force would work in coordination with local personnel to take effective action against persons who try to disturb peace in the region. Apart from persons who are doing it, the task force would act against those behind these crimes. "The new task force will have all powers vested in the law to take effective action," the Home Minister said.

Home Minister G. Parameshwara speaking to reporters in Mangaluru on Saturday. Dakshina Kannada district in-charge Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao, Additional Director-General of Police (Law and Order) R. Hithendra, and Inspector-General of Police (Western Range) Amith Singh are also seen. H.S. MANJUNATH

The new task force would be set up in about 15 days, he added.

Asked about the demand of former Home Minister B. Ramanath Rai for a special investigation team to probe the case of mob lynching of 35-year-old Ashraf on April 27, Dr. Parameshwara said the new task force was being set up to answer his concerns. The government would handle with an iron hand all the communal forces who want to disturb peace in the two coastal districts. "We (the Congress) carried out a march in the region, which led to a drop in communal incidents. Now, there is a repeat of incidents disturbing communal harmony in the region. There is a definite form behind it. These (communal) forces will be effectively curtailed," Dr. Parameshwara said. The government was committed to restoring peace in the region and bringing in investments for further development the two coastal districts.

The government and the police have not glorified the murder of 30-year-old Suhas Shetty, who was accused in five criminal cases, including two murder cases. It was the Bharatiya Janata Party and other Hindutava groups that glorified the murder. The State police acted effectively, following the murder, to prevent the situation from going out of control, he said. On the criticism by Communist Party of India (Marxist) district secretary Muneer Katipalla of the government's handling of the mob lynching case, Dr. Parameshwara said: "My work will do the talking. I will not react to criticism."

Eight arrested in Suhas Shetty murder case

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MANGALURU

The Mangaluru police have arrested eight persons in connection with the murder of 30-year-old Suhas Shetty, an accused in two murder cases and former Bajrang Dal activist, at Bajpe here on May 1.

Police Commissioner Anupam Agrawal told reporters here on Saturday that among the eight arrested was Adil Mehroof, brother of Mohammed Fazil, who was murdered in Surathkal in July 2022. Shetty was the prime accused arrested for the murder of Fazil. Mehroof, a resident of Bala village here, had paid seven assailants ₹3 lakh of the ₹5 lakh fixed by the assailants for murdering Shetty, he said.

Apart from Mehroof, the police arrested Abdul Safwan, 29; Niyaz, 25; Mohammed Mussammir, 32; all from Shantigudde in Bajpe; Kalandar Shafi, 29, from Bala; Mohammed Rizwan, 28, of Jokatte village in Mangaluru; and M. Nagaraj, 20, and Ranjith, 19, both from Kalasa taluk of Chikkamagaluru district. Ruling out the murder of Shetty on communal lines in revenge for the mob lynching of 35-year-old Ashraf on April 27, the officer said investigation revealed that Shetty's murder was a result of the threat Safwan perceived on his life from Shetty and his followers.

Anupam Agrawal. Mangaluru Police Commissioner, speaking to reporters on Saturday. H.S. MANJUNATH

Mr. Agrawal said Shetty's supporters Dhanraj, Puneet, and Prashant had attacked Safwan in 2023. Then, Safwan perceived a threat to his life from Shetty and his supporters. To attack Shetty, Safwan formed a group that included Nagaraj and Ranjith from Kalasa. Safwan got in touch with Mehroof, who paid ₹3 lakh, for the murder of Shetty.

For the last 15 days, the group tracked the movement of Shetty and attempted to attack him twice. On May 1, Safwan and six other assailants hired a car and a pick-up vehicle and blocked the way of Shetty, who was travelling by a car along with his five friends, at Kinnipadavu. They hit Shetty and one of his friends. A grieviously injured Shetty succumbed in a private hospital in Mangaluru.

Following the attack, the assailants abandoned the pick-up vehicle and travelled in the car for some distance. They were holed up in a house near Bajpe as the police had increased vehicle checking in the city. The police had a close look at the two videos of the murder, which were on social media, to identify the assailants. Using human intelligence and technological tools, the police located the house at Bajpe and arrested them.

The police were on the look out for two more persons, who are accused of helping the assailants, Mr. Agrawal said.

Asked about two women in 'burka', who were seen with the arrested persons in the video, the officer said they have identified them and they would be called for questioning.

Dalit seers seek funds for mutts

A delegation of seers from Dalit and OBC communities met Chief Minister Siddaramaiah at his residence in Bengaluru on Saturday.

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Seers belonging to the Dalit and OBC communities met Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Saturday and demanded allocation of funds to mutts belong to the Dalit and backward communities.

The Chief Minister assured the seers that funds would be allocated to the mutts in the coming days.

The delegation submitted a petition to the Chief Minister seeking allotment of land for opening a *gurukula* in Chitradurga district for providing training for OBC and Dalit priests. Mr. Siddaramaiah directed the officials to identify the land for the purpose.

State gears up to put pressure on Centre to issue notification on Krishna Water Dispute Tribunal-II award

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

As the crucial meeting of irrigation Ministers of the four States that make up the Krishna river basin comprising Karnataka, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, and Telangana has been scheduled for May 7 in New Delhi, Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah chaired a high-level meeting on Saturday to finalise the State's stand on the matter and urge the Centre to issue a gazette notification on the Krishna Water Disputes Tribunal-II award to ensure protection of State' share of water.

Union Minister for Jal Shakti C.R. Patil has convened the meeting to discuss the award made by the KWDT-II. Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, who also holds the Major and Medium Irrigation portfolio, and a battery of officials, would represent Karnataka.

Finalising stand: Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar at a meeting on the Krishna water issue in Bengaluru on Saturday.

The tribunal, led by Brijesh Kumar, which started its proceedings in July 2007, submitted its draft verdict on December 31, 2010, and the final verdict on November 29, 2013.

The KWDT-II allocated 73 tmcft of water to Karnataka, of which, 130 tmcft has been allocated for the Upper Krishna Project-III (UKP-III).

Union Jal Shakti Ministry has convened meeting of four States on May 7 to discuss the award

Mr. Siddaramaiah has instructed officials to make all arrangements to safeguard the State's interest and secure the share of water. After the meeting on May 7, the Chief Minister has decided to hold an all-party meeting to discuss the implementation of the award of the KWDT-II.

Mr. Shivakumar told reporters that the State government had submitted petitions to the Centre in the past and urged it to issue the gazette notification on the tribunal's award. Despite several pleas by the State, the governments at the Centre had not notified the award for the last 15 years.

The Chief Minister said farmers of the UKP-III phase area have been waiting for several years to irrigate their farmlands by utilising the water share under the tribunal award.

The Supreme Court has permitted the issue of a gazette notification when petitions regarding the allocation of water by the Cauvery Water Dispute Tribunal Award were pending before it. Similarly, the Jal Shakthi Ministry issued a notification on the Mahadayi Water Dispute Tribunal on February 20, 2020. Though Andhra Pradesh and Telangana filed petitions before the Supreme Court, after the bifurcation of the erstwhile Andhra Pradesh, the Centre would be urged to issue a notification on the KWDT-II award, the Chief Minister said.

Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister H.K. Patil told reporters that legislators of north Karnataka have urged Mr. Siddaramaiah to take steps to increase the height of the Alamatti dam from 519 m to 524.256 m to store more water as there was no objection on raising the dam height. Mr. Patil said since the KWDT-II was not notified, the water is not flowing in the UKP-III canals which were developed spending ₹16,000 crore.

Ministers, including M.B. Patil, R.B. Thimmapur, Sharanapagouda Darshanapur, H.C. Mahadevappa, and Shivanand S. Patil, and Chief Secretary Shalini Rajneesh, and advocate Mohan Katarki attended the meeting.

Cauvery aarti will reflect traditions of all riparian States: DKS

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The State government is preparing to hold the Cauvery aarti programme along with the Dasara this time, which will include programmes to represent cultures of Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, and Kerala, announced Deputy Chief Minister and Major and Medium Irrigation Minister D.K. Shivakumar.

Committee formed
Speaking in Bengaluru on Saturday, he said the modalities were being worked out. "We have formed a committee under the leadership of BWSSB chief Ram Prasath Manohar. The Deputy Commissioner of Mandya will also be part of this committee. Various departments such as Muzrai, Kannada and Culture, Irrigation, and Tourism will be involved in different aspects of Cauvery aarti," he said.

Asked about the Finance Department's recommendation that it would be difficult to finance Cauvery aarti, he said, "The final decision lies with the government, no matter what the recommendations are. The government is committed to starting the Cauvery aarti."

Location
Responding to a query on whether Cauvery aarti venue would be close to the Krishnaraja Sagar, he said, "This event will be held a little further away from the dam keeping in mind security considerations. The committee will take a final call on the location."

State team
On whether the team which manages Ganga aarti in Varanasi would handle Cauvery aarti, he said, "It would be handled by a team from the State itself."

Kharge opposes efforts to confine Ambedkar's legacy only to Dalits

The Hindu Bureau
KALABURAGI

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge addressing a public meeting at Gabbur (B) village in Afzalpur taluk of Kalaburagi district. ARUN KULKARNI

All India Congress Committee (AICC) president and Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge has opposed efforts to restrict B.R. Ambedkar's legacy to only Dalits. Speaking at a public meeting at Gabbur (B) village of Afzalpur taluk of Kalaburagi district on Saturday, after unveiling a statue of Ambedkar, Mr. Kharge asserted that Ambedkar was a leader for all communities, not just Dalits.

"Buddha, Basava, and Ambedkar are global icons who fought for the upliftment and welfare of the downtrodden communities. They belong to the entire world, not to any one section of society. Dr. Ambedkar dedicated his life to the development of all oppressed and marginalised communities in India. It is unfortunate that some are trying to portray him merely as a leader of Dalits," Mr. Kharge said.

Citing constitutional provisions such as the right to equality (Articles 14 to 18) and the right to freedom (Articles 19 to 22), Mr. Kharge highlighted Ambedkar's inclusive vision. "These rights were enshrined in the Constitution because of Dr. Ambedkar's efforts, and they benefit every citizen, not just one group," he said. Criticising discriminatory practices within Hinduism, Mr. Kharge remarked, "Untouchability exists only in Hinduism... Though some claim all Hindus are equal, they still deny Dalits opportunities to progress."

Referring to Basavanna, Mr. Kharge noted that he rejected Hinduism due to its oppressive practices. "Basavanna, a Brahmin by birth, devoted his life to fighting untouchability, discrimination, and gender inequality. He founded the Lingayat faith based on equality."

Highlighting the continuing marginalisation of Dalits despite Basavanna's reforms, Mr. Kharge said many felt compelled to convert to Buddhism in search of dignity. "We Dalits find ourselves neither here [in Hinduism] nor there [in Lingayatism]. That's why Dr. Ambedkar embraced Buddhism, a 2,600-year-old faith that treats all human beings equally."

Countering BJP charge

Responding to the BJP's repeated allegations that the Congress was responsible for Ambedkar's defeat in the 1952 general elections, Mr. Kharge presented a handwritten letter by Ambedkar himself.

"In that letter, Ambedkar stated that Hindutva ideologue V.D. Savarkar and Communist leader S.A. Dange played key roles in his electoral loss," Mr. Kharge said.

"It was the Congress that stood by Ambedkar. The Congress appointed him as the Chairman of the Constitution Drafting Committee, inducted him into the first Union Cabinet under Nehru, and supported his vision. It was the right-wing Hindutva forces that consistently tried to suppress him," he said.

CM unveils Ambedkar statue

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Saturday said it is the responsibility of all people to safeguard the Constitution and fundamental rights mentioned in the statute to ensure social justice for all. He was speaking after unveiling a 14-ft-high bronze statue of B.R Ambedkar at Yelahanka here.

He said Ambedkar understood the caste system in society and championed the reservation system for the upliftment of Dalits. Ambedkar realised that true equality in society would be possible only by securing socio-economic freedoms, he said. Both Basavanna and Ambedkar fought for social equality to eliminate social evils such as the caste system and untouchability. The government's policies have been formulated based on the principles advocated by social reformers, he said.

Government of Karnataka
(Infrastructure Development and Port and Inland Water Transport Department)
Karnataka Maritime Board
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PORT DIVISION,
BAITKHOL, KARWAR, UTTAR KANNADA-581302
Phone: 08382-229672 Email: eepdk@rediffmail.com / eepdkwr4@gmail.com
NO.EE/PDK/TND/2025-26/81 Date: 28-04-2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Only in KPPP Portal) (Two Cover System)

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, Tender is invited in KPPP Portal to execute below mentioned works. To participate in KPPP Portal, and for more information may be obtained in **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** website. For further Extension refer above mentioned website. No separate paper notification will be issued.

"GST shall be paid to the Tendered Amount separately"

Name of work and Indent Number: Construction of Electrical and Generator room at Karwar Port including installation of 11 KW transformer, LT UG Cable Electrification to Port Premises and other allied works. **Indent No: IDD/2024-25/BD/WORK_INDENT84.** Amount put to Tender: **Rs. 5695776.48**

Last date and Time for queries: **14-05-2025 at 16.00 hours,** Last date and Time for receipt of Tender: **15-05-2025 at 16.30 hours**

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Port Division, Karwar

DIPR/ADK/KSMCA/73/25-26 Dt.03.05.2025

Government of Karnataka
The Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Hassan Division, Hassan.

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION NO: 03/2025-26, Dated: 02.05.2025

Tender is invited by the Public Works Department on behalf of the Governor of Karnataka, as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Rules 2000, Standard Tender Document KW-4 from the eligible registered Contractors of Karnataka PWD for works of Minimum amount put to tender of Rs.160.73 lakhs and Maximumm amount put to tender of Rs.201.31 lakhs under PWD Holenarasipura Sub division jurisdiction. Last date of Receipt of tender is 16.05.2025 till 4.00 PM. For more details visit https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in or contact this office through Phone No. 08172-268437 or in person during office hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD,
Hassan Division, Hassan.

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GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
PUBLIC WORKS DEPT. DIVISION, GADAG.
Phone No : 08372-238782 Fax No. 08372-237268
E.Mail : eepwdgad@gmail.com
No: EEPWDGDG PB- 1&3:Different Head:2025-26/447
Date : 02/05/2025

Tender Notification

The Executive Engineer, Public works department. Division, Gadag invites itemwise tenders from eligible tenderers of 04 work of total amount of Rs -**194.00** Lakh (Min estimate amount: Rs. **14.50** Lakhs to Max Estimate Amount: **100.00** Lakhs) for the Different Head of account on behalf of the Hon'able Governor of Karnataka as per Standard Bid Document KW-1 & 3 through http://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in/

Work Indent No : 21476-SC and 21318 Part-1)
(a) Last Date for Clarification up to : **17-05-2025** (b) Last Date for Receipt of Tenders : **20-05-2025** Noon 4.00 PM
(c) Opening of Technical /Financial Bid Date : **21-05-2025**
(d) Opening of Financial Bid Date : **22-05-2025**

Work Indent No : W.I. 19969 and 21702 Part-2)
(a) Last Date for Clarification up to : **23-05-2025** (b) Last Date for Receipt of Tenders : **27-05-2025** Noon 4.00 PM
(c) Opening of Technical /Financial Bid Date : **28-05-2025**

GST shall be paid separately as per prevailing Government Order. The increase in GST shall not be paid in the extended period of contract for which the contractor alone is responsible for delay as determined by the authority while granting the extension of time.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
P.W.D. Division, Gadag.

DIPR/Gadag/KSMCA/49/2025-26

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ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ತಿ. ನರಸೀಪುರ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ತಲಕಾಡು ಹೋಬಳಿ ತಲಕಾಡು ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಜಂಜರ್ ನಂ 1832–6/3 ಮತ್ತು ಇತರೆ ಜಂಜರ್ ನಂಬರಿನ ನಿವೇಶನ ಮತ್ತು ಕಟ್ಟಡಗಳು ತಲಕಾಡು ಹೊಸಬೀದಿ ಪೋಲೀಸ್ ಸ್ಟೇಷನ್ ವೃತ್ತದಿಂದ ವೈದ್ಯನಾಥೇಶ್ವರ ದೇವಸ್ಥಾನ ಮತ್ತು ಕ್ರಾಸ್ ರಸ್ತೆ ಸರಪಳಿ 0.80 ರಿಂದ 1.60 ಕಿಮೀ ಮತ್ತು 2.35 ರಿಂದ 2.75 ಕಿಮೀ ವರೆಗೆ ಕಾಂಕ್ರೀಟ್ ರಸ್ತೆ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣದ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯು ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಉದ್ದೇಶಕ್ಕೆ ಅಗತ್ಯವಿರುವುದರಿಂದ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ, ನ್ಯಾಯಯುತ ಪರಿಹಾರದ ಹಕ್ಕು, ಪುನರ್ವಸತಿ ಮತ್ತು ಪುನರ್ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ 2013 ರ ನಿಯಮ 46 ಹಾಗೂ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಆದೇಶ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಕಂಇ54 ಭೂಸ್ವಾಬೆ 2014 ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ದಿ: 31.05.2016 ರಡಿ ನೇರ ಖರೀದಿ ಮೂಲಕ ಪಡೆಯುವ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ದಿ: 08.04.2025 ರಂದು ಮಾನ್ಯ ಉಪವಿಭಾಗಾಧಿಕಾರಿಯವರ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷತೆಯಲ್ಲಿ "ದರ ನಿರ್ಧರಣಾ ಸಲಹಾ ಸಮಿತಿ" ಸಭೆ ನಡೆಸಿ ದರ ನಿಗಧಿಪಡಿಸಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕರ ಉಪಯೋಗಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ನಿವೇಶನ ಮತ್ತು ಕಟ್ಟಡಗಳ ಅವಶ್ಯವಿರುವುದರಿಂದ ದರ ನಿರ್ಧರಣಾ ಸಲಹಾ ಸಮಿತಿಯು ನಿರ್ಧರಿಸಿರುವ ದರದಂತೆ ನಿವೇಶನ ಮತ್ತು ಕಟ್ಟಡಗಳನ್ನು ನೇರ ಖರೀದಿ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆ ಮೂಲಕ ಪಡೆಯುವ ಕುರಿತು ಯಾವುದೇ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕದಿಂದ 30 ದಿನದೊಳಗಾಗಿ ಈ ಕಛೇರಿಗೆ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯನ್ನು ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್

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Govt of Karnataka
O/o Executive Engineer, PWD,
Udupi Division Udupi - 576101., C.No: (0820) 2531802
No.PWD:UDN:NIT-03:2025-26:AE-2 Dated: 02.05.2025

Short Term Tender Notification

It is here by notified for the information of intending registered contractor, of Class-II and above in Karnataka PWD, through e-portal "kppp.karnataka.gov.in" as per Karnataka tranperency in public procurement act 2023, as per specified terms & condition notified there in. The Last date for submission of tender is 20.05.2025 upto 5.30PM through E-procurement portal "kppp.karnataka.gov.in" for Widening and Reconstruction to Mudrady-Seethanadi-Brahmavara SH from Km 12.30 to Km 14.50 (Selected Reaches) in Brahmavara taluk Udupi District (Indent No. 21490) under 5054 - SH Improvements head, work costing Rs.389.21L(excluding GST). For more information contact office during office hours

Executive Engineer,
Public Works Department Udupi Division, Udupi.

UTTARAKHAND POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
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Victoria Cross Vijeta Gabar Singh Urja Bhawan, Kanwali Road, Dehradun-248001
Corporate Identity No. U40109UR2001SGC025867, E-mail ID: cgmupcl@yahoo.com,
Website: www.upcl.org, Telephone No. 0135-2762444, Fax No. 0135-2763839

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CORRIGENDUM FOR PURCHASE OF POWER UNDER LONG TERM PROCUREMENT AGAINST TENDER SPECIFICATION No. 21/CE (COMM)/UPCL-21/LTPP/2025

The amended tender process and activities timeline modifications against tender specification No. 21/CE (COMM)/UPCL-21/LTPP/2025 are as under:-

S.No.	Event	Date & Time
1.	Utility response to queries latest by	13-05-2025 up to 17:00 Hrs
2.	Application due date	28-05-2025 up to 17:00 Hrs
3.	Announcement of Pre-qualified Applications	20-06-2025 up to 17:00 Hrs
4.	Letter of Award (LOA)	Within 30 days of Bid due date
5.	Validity of Bids	120 days from Bid Due Date
6.	Signing of PSA-DBFOO	Within 30 days of issue of LOA

Hard Copy of B.G/proof of EMD should reach in the office of SE (Commercial), UPCL on or before the due date of application.

All other terms and conditions shall remain as per tender specification No. 21/CE(COMM)/UPCL-21/LTPP/2025.

No.: 241/EE(CM)/UPCL/A-2 Date: 03.05.2025

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Forest Division, Paper Town, Bhadravati,577302-Karnataka.
CIN L99999KA 1936SGC000173 (03.06.2014) -
Ph: +91-8282-270094/- Fax: +91-8282-270937
Email: dirforestsmpm@gmail.com
No.: MPM/FFR/DF/TA/2024-25/013 - Call-2 Date: 02.05.2025

Brief e-Tender Notice Invitation

e-Tender No. MPM/FFR/ DF/TA/24-25/013 -CAll-2 date: 26.03.2025 **Details of work:** Re Formation of Plantations for 2025 and maintenance works for 2024 & 2023 **Last date for submission of Tender:** 31.05.2025 at 5.00 p.m **Date of opening the Tender:** 03.06.2025 at 11.00 a.m

Tenders for Re Formation of Plantations for 2025 and maintenance works for 2024 & 2023 in MPM Forest has to be submitted by Tenderers through e-procurement portal of GoK https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in Cost of Tender Document: As per e-portal Rules. Tender Documents can be downloaded from e-procurement portal/MPM website from 02.05.2025. Tenderers who have not registered in e-procurement portal should register and participate in the Tender. If there are changes/corrigendum in the said Tender they will only be published in e-procurement portal/M.P.M. website. Our website: www.mpm.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- Director (Forests) I/c

DIPR/smg/ksmca/25-26/100/05/170

OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH

Sad Demise

Smt. Komala Srinivasan
25.10.1942 - 01.05.2025
aged 82 years
W/o. Sri.D. Srinivasan
(Retd. Director - Confederation of Indian Industry -CII)
Attained Acharyan Thiruvadi on May 1st 2025 after brief illness.
In grief
D.Srinivasan,
Lakshmi Sundar,
Padma Ramanujam,
Rukumani Mugundan,
Grand children, Friends & Relatives.
Ph: 94404 95803

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

1st ANNIVERSARY

Mrs. UMA MAHESWARI
D.O.B: 20-10-1959 D.O.D: 04-05-2024
W/o. S. SESHADRY, Advocate
D/o. Late V.N. SAMA RAO, Advocate Vellore.
D-in-L Late CHANDRASEKAR Pondy.
"LOVE AND AFFECTION"
Bereaved Family Members

2nd Anniversary

O.M. Surendranathan Nair
4th May 2023
Two years have passed without you. Your memories are always with us. You live on through the kindness and love you brought in to our lives.
Fondly Remembered by:
Daughter: Janaki
Son-in-law: Venugopal

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, ANANDAPUR BARRAGE PROJECT, SALAPADA.
E- mail id: cceabp@gmail.com

E-procurement Notice No. CCEABP-04 of 2025-26

E-Procurement Officer	Name of the Work	Bid id No.	Tender Cost in Lakhs (Appx)	Bid Security (Online)	Cost of Bid Document (Online)	Class of Contractor	Period of Completion	Availability of tender On-line for bidding From	Availability of tender On-line for bidding To	Date of Opening of Technical Bid (Cover-1)
Chief Construction Engineer, A.B.Project, Salapada	Restoration to downstream side damaged curtain Walls, dislodged Concrete Blocks in front of Bay No-7 to 9 of Anandapur Barrage.	ABP-ABD-01/04 of 2025-26	153.00	1,53,000/-	10,000/-	A & Spl. Class	One Calendar month	02.05.25 11.30 AM	13.05.25 5.00 PM	14.05.25 11.30 AM

Further details can be seen from the Govt. website www.tendersorissa.gov.in / www.dowrodisha.gov.in
Addendum / corrigendum / cancellation if any required will be published in Govt. website only

Chief Construction Engineer,
Anandapur Barrage Project, Salapada.

A-109 OIPR-32180/11/0006/2526

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ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ದಕ್ಷಿಣ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ – 560100
ಫೋನ್: 080–22111177, e-Mail:ka.doddathoguru.tp@gmail.com
ಸಂ: ದೊಪಪಂ/ತಾ.ಶಾ/ಟೆಂ/ಸಿಆರ್–3/2025–26 ದಿನಾಂಕ:03.05.2025

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ
(ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಮಾತ್ರ)

ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯಿತಿ ದೊಡ್ಡತೋಗೂರು ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ 2025–26ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯಿತಿ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ಅನುದಾನದಡಿ ದೊಡ್ಡತೋಗೂರು ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯಿತಿ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಬರುವ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಕೊಳವೆಬಾವಿಗಳ ಪಂಪು ಮೋಟಾರ್‌ಗಳು, ಪ್ಯಾನಲ್ ಬೋರ್ಡ್‌ಗಳ ದುರಸ್ಥಿ ಮತ್ತು ನಿರ್ವಹಣೆ, ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯಿತಿ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ವಿವಿಧ ಬೀದಿ ದೀಪಗಳ ದುರಸ್ಥಿ ಮತ್ತು ನಿರ್ವಹಣೆ ಪಡಿಸುವುದು, ಹಾಗೂ ಮುಖ್ಯಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ದೈನಂದಿನ ಕಛೇರಿ ಕೆಲಸಕ್ಕೆ ವಾಹನವನ್ನು ಬಾಡಿಗೆ ಆಧಾರದ ಮೇಲೆ ವಾರ್ಷಿಕವಾಗಿ ಪೂರೈಸುವ ಮತ್ತು ನೀಲಾದ್ರಿ ರಸ್ತೆಯಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಬಸ್‌ಬೇ ದುರಸ್ಥಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳಲು ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಂದಾಯಿಸಲ್ಪಟ್ಟ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಮತ್ತು ಅರ್ಹ ಟ್ರಾವೆಲ್ ಏಜೆನ್ಸಿ/ಪೂರೈಕೆದಾರರವರಿಂದ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಇಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್: **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** ಮೂಲಕ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಫಾರಂಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವುದು. ವಿವರ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತಿದೆ.

ಕ್ರ ಸಂ	ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ವಿವರ	ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ	ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ	ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ
1	ದೊಡ್ಡತೋಗೂರು ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯಿತಿ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಬರುವ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ವಿವಿಧ ಬೀದಿ ದೀಪಗಳ ದುರಸ್ತಿ ಪಡಿಸುವ ವಾರ್ಷಿಕ ನಿರ್ವಹಣೆ ಮಾಡುವ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ	DMA/2025-26/EL/WORK_INDENT39187	33,90,000/–	57,380/–
2	ದೊಡ್ಡತೋಗೂರು ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯಿತಿ ಮುಖ್ಯಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ದೈನಂದಿನ ಕಛೇರಿ ಕೆಲಸಕ್ಕೆ ವಾಹನವನ್ನು ಬಾಡಿಗೆ ಆಧಾರದ ಮೇಲೆ ಪೂರೈಸುವುದು	DMA/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT 39189	4,50,000/–	10,500/–
3	ದೊಡ್ಡತೋಗೂರು ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯಿತಿ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಬರುವ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಕೊಳವೆಬಾವಿಗಳ ಪಂಪು ಮೋಟಾರ್‌ಗಳು, ಪ್ಯಾನಲ್ ಬೋರ್ಡ್, ಇತರೆ ದುರಸ್ಥಿ ಪಡಿಸುವ ವಾರ್ಷಿಕ ನಿರ್ವಹಣೆ ಮಾಡುವ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ	DMA/2025-26/EL/WORK_INDENT39191	14,95,000/–	31,570/–
4	ದೊಡ್ಡತೋಗೂರು ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯಿತಿ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಬರುವ ನೀಲಾದ್ರಿ ರಸ್ತೆಯಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಬಸ್ ಬೇ ದುರಸ್ಥಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ	DMA/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT 39225	1,71,000/–	3,270/–

ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಅಂತಿಮ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 17.05.2025 ಸಂಜೆ 5.00 ಗಂಟೆ**ಗಳಾಗಿದ್ದು ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 19.05.2025** ಹಾಗೂ ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 20.05.2025 ಸಂಜೆ 5.00 ಗಂಟೆ**. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗೆ ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯಿತಿಯ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಶಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

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No.E.E.(SGN)/KPPP/Tend/03/2025-26 Date: 03.05.2025

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER
(TWO COVER SYSTEM) (Only through kppp.karnataka.gov.in Portal)

The Executive Engineer (Sarvagnanagar Division), BBMP, Bangalore on behalf of the Commissioner, BBMP invites tenders from eligible Contractors registered in Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike or equivalent registration with CPWD / KPWD / Railways / MES/National Highway or any State Government Organizations for the construction of works detailed in the table below. The tenderers may submit tenders for works given in the table through e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka **(viz https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in).** The Tenderers are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in Clause 3 of the Instructions to Tenderers to qualify for award of the contract (Standard Tender Document KW1). **2.**Tender documents may be downloaded from the KPPP portal of the Government of Karnataka from **05.05.2025 3.**Tenders must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or before **16.00 hours on 12.05.2025** and the opening of tenders will be on **13.05.2025 at 16.00 hours 4.** Other details can be seen in the tender document.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work/Approximate value of work (Rs in Lakhs)/ EMD amount in Rs./ Category
1	Providing Emergency Relief task force team to HBR Layout sub division Ward No 76,77,78 Control Room for the year 2025-26 for (7 Months) **01.06.2025 to 30.12.2025** Approximate Value of work (Rs. in Lakhs) : **14.00** , EMD (in Rupees)**: 35000/-.**
2	Providing Emergency Relief task force team to Banasawadi Sub division Ward No 80,81,82 Control Room for the year 2025-26 for (7 Months) **01.06.2025 to 30.12.2025** Approximate Value of work (Rs. in Lakhs) : **14.00** , EMD (in Rupees)**: 35000/-.**
3	Providing Emergency Relief task force team to Maruthisevanagara Sub division Ward No 79,83,84,85 Control Room for the year 2025-26 for (7 Months) **01.06.2025 to 30.12.2025** Approximate Value of work (Rs. in Lakhs) : **14.00** , EMD (in Rupees)**: 35000/-.**

Bids will be opened on the website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/** in the office of the Executive Engineer, Sarvagnanagar Division, BBMP, Bangalore on **13.05.2025**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, (Sarvagnanagar Division), BBMP.

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Chickpet Division,
No. 194, T. Mariyappa Road, Opp. to Lalbagh South Gate,
Siddapura Circle, Bengaluru-560011.
No: EE/CKP/E-PROC/01/2025-26 Date: 03-05-2025

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER
(Single Cover System) (Through GOK KPP Portal only)

Executive Engineer (Chickpet Division), BBMP, Bengaluru invites tenders from eligible Contractors registered in BBMP or equivalent registration with CPWD / KPWD / Railways / MES / National Highway or any State Government Organizations for the Construction of Works as detailed below.

(Standard Tender Document - KW-1)

Sl. No.	Name of the Work
1	Establishment of Temporary Control Room for Monsoon Period for the year 2025 in Dharmarayaswamy Temple Sub Division. **Estimated Amount (Rs. in Lakhs): 15.00, EMD Amount (in Rs.): Rs. 37,500/-**
2	Establishment of Temporary Control Room for Monsoon Period for the year 2025 in Vishweshwara Puram Sub Division. **Estimated Amount (Rs. in Lakhs): 15.00, EMD Amount (in Rs.): Rs. 37,500/-**

Calendar of Events: 1) The tender documents can be downloaded from the GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in. 2)** Last Date for Uploading the Filled Tender Document is **13-05-2025 upto 16.00 Hours. 3)** Date of Opening of Financial Bid is **14-05-2025 at 16.30 Hours.** Further details can be had from the above office.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Chickpet Division, BBMP.

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of AC Election, Head Office,
Narasimharaja Square, Bengaluru-560 002.
No: BBMP/2024-25/SE-1291/Call-2/24-25 Date: 03.05.2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Call-3)

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike invites Tender from eligible bidders for the following:

PROVIDING DATA ENTRY OPERATORS AND TECHNICAL PROGRAMMER ON OUTSOURCED BASIS TO ELECTION BRANCH ADEO CENTRAL OF BBMP
(Tender Reference No: BBMP/2024-25/SE1291/Call-3)
Following is the Events of Bid Process:

1.	RFP Reference No. **BBMP/2024-25/SE1291/Call-3**
2.	Date of Commencement of Download of RFP Document from Kpp Portal Website **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** From **03.05.2025** onwards
3.	Last date and Time for uploading Online Queries in KPP Portal on **08.05.2025** upto **5:00** pm
4.	Date & Time of Pre-bid Meeting on **08.05.2025** at **12:30** pm at the following venue: Office of AC Election, Head Office BBMP, NR Squae, Bengaluru-560 002. Ph: 080-22975564
5.	Last Date and Time for uploading of RFP in kpp portal on **20.05.2025** upto **5:00** pm
6.	Date and Time of online Opening of RFP Applications in kpp portal **21.05.2025** at **5:10** pm
7.	Place of opening of RFP Applications: Online at Karnataka Public Procurement Portal
8.	Address for Communication: Office of AC Election, Head Office BBMP, NR Squae, Bengaluru-560 002. Ph: 080-22975564, email id: deo.bbmp@gmail.com

1. Tender Documents may be downloaded from the website **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**
2. Other details can be seen in the tender documents.

Sd/- Assistant Commissioner (Election), BBMP

INBRIEF

Foreign patients visiting Hyd. more than doubled in decade

The number of foreign patients visiting Hyderabad for medical care has more than doubled over the past decade, from 75,171 in 2014 to 1,55,313 in 2024, marking Telangana's rapid rise as a preferred destination for medical tourism. Key advantages such as English-speaking staff, minimal waiting periods, supportive government policies, and accessible medical visas have drawn patients from the U.S., U.K., Russia, Africa, and the Middle East.

Wild elephant hurt in crude bomb explosion in A.P. dies

A wild elephant that sustained injuries after it bit a crude bomb set by alleged poachers at a forest buffer zone abutting the Koundinya wildlife sanctuary on April 5, was found dead at Yadamarri, near Chittoor, on Saturday. The pachyderm, part of a 14-member herd, survived close to a month under harrowing conditions without food or water. The District Forest Officer stated that the injured elephant could have been kept under surveillance, if it was noticed earlier.

Kerala lotteries: State revises first price amount to ₹1 crore

All lotteries with daily draws operated by the State Lotteries Department in Kerala now carry a first prize of ₹1 crore. The tickets are now uniformly priced at ₹50 and the draws are held daily at 3 p.m., the department said on Saturday. The 'Samriddhi' lottery which draws on Sunday has ₹75 lakh as second prize and ₹25 lakh as third prize. The 'Bhagyathara' lottery for which draw is held every Monday, carries a second prize of ₹75 lakh and ₹1 lakh each for the 12 series.

'AIADMK, BJP alliance has left the Chief Minister frustrated'

Speaking at a public meeting in Chennai, Edappadi K. Palaniswami alleges that the DMK has no principles or ideology and only seeks power, focusing on dynastic and family politics

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

AIADMK general secretary Edappadi K. Palaniswami on Saturday said the party's alliance with the BJP for the 2026 State Assembly election has left Chief Minister M.K. Stalin "frustrated".

Speaking at a meeting organised by the party in Chennai condemning the ruling DMK, he said the Chief Minister had questioned the AIADMK's decision to join hands with the BJP.

"This is our party. We are forming a strong alliance with like-minded parties to strengthen our position against the ruling DMK. Mr. Stalin was under the impression that the AIADMK would not align with the BJP. But now that we are together, he is frustrated and showing signs of election fever. Over the next year, more like-minded parties will join our alliance," he said.

AIADMK general secretary Edappadi K. Palaniswami speaking at the public meeting held in Chennai on Saturday. B. VELANKANNI RAJ

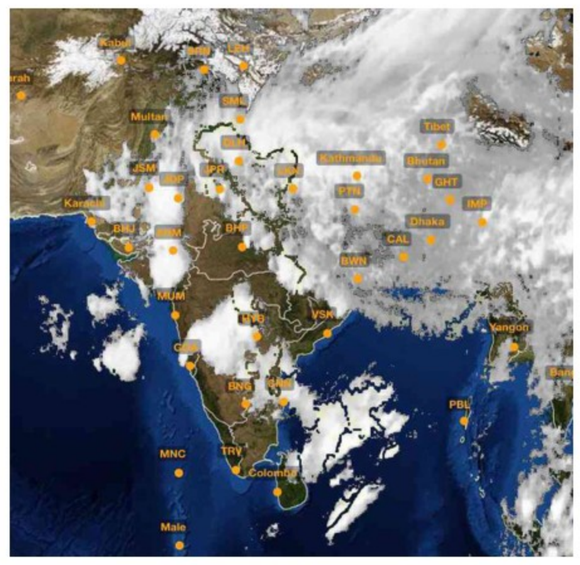
"The DMK has no principles or ideology. It only seeks power. In 1999, it allied with the BJP and enjoyed power at the Centre. But after five years, it withdrew from the BJP-led alliance and joined hands with the Congress in 2004, only for power," Mr. Palaniswami said.

"It has been four years since the DMK assumed power in the State. In these four years, the ruling DMK has failed to deliver any significant schemes for the people of Tamil Nadu. What are the initiatives introduced for the poor and marginalised sections? They only claim to have accomplished so much. The only accomplishment of Mr. Stalin's government was making his son Udhayanidhi Stalin the Deputy Chief Minister. The DMK only focused on dynastic and family politics," he said.

" After coming to power, the DMK raised electricity tariff, property tax, and registration fee, increasing the burden on the people of Tamil Nadu. The people are eagerly waiting for the day this government will be unseated," Mr. Palaniswami added.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Sunday: Heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Odisha. Thunderstorm with lightning/gusty winds likely at isolated places over Gujarat, Rajasthan, Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Kerala

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	34.0	22.7	Kozhikode	—	36.1	26.0
Ahmedabad	—	41.4	27.0	Kurnool	2	40.2	25.4
Aizawl	38	29.8	19.2	Lucknow	—	38.5	25.6
Allahabad	—	40.6	26.2	Madurai	—	39.5	25.5
Bengaluru	—	32.0	20.0	Mangaluru	—	33.8	24.8
Bhopal	—	41.1	25.5	Mumbai	—	34.7	25.3
Bhubaneswar	—	36.6	24.6	Mysuru	—	33.2	—
Chandigarh	—	36.2	24.8	New Delhi	0.8	35.0	22.2
Chennai	—	37.1	29.4	Patna	—	36.1	26.3
Coimbatore	—	34.6	23.4	Port Blair	19	31.1	25.2
Dehradun	4	33.6	19.1	Puducherry	—	36.0	27.8
Gangtok	5	22.4	12.3	Pune	—	41.3	25.6
Goa	—	37.0	27.0	Raipur	67	36.0	25.0
Guwahati	9	33.5	20.0	Ranchi	—	33.0	20.8
Hubballi	—	39.0	22.0	Shillong	12	22.4	14.0
Hyderabad	—	39.6	25.1	Shimla	16.6	22.8	13.4
Imphal	—	29.2	23.0	Srinagar	4	21.0	11.9
Jaipur	—	36.8	25.2	Thiruvananthapuram	87	34.0	22.4
Kochi	—	32.4	25.4	Tiruchi	—	39.7	27.0
Kohima	—	25.1	16.5	Vijayawada	0.4	39.0	29.0
Kolkata	—	35.5	25.6	Visakhapatnam	—	35.2	27.6

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.16	.47	15	186	139	
Bengaluru	.22	.37	44	50	90	
Chennai	8	.14	53	49	58	
Delhi	.18	137	48	226	263	
Hyderabad	.11	.17	42	95	77	
Kolkata	6	.55	19	83	82	
Lucknow	.10	.34	49	210	160	
Mumbai	.24	.18	.5	31	101	
Pune	.—	.40	17	96	109	
Visakhapatnam	8	.72	30	39	83	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Byrnihat, Assam recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 214 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Aizawl, Mizoram recorded a healthy AQI score of 16

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Multi-level probes into Kerala hospital fire

The Hindu Bureau
KOZHIKODE

Multiple-level investigations are being held into the fire outbreak at the casualty section in the surgical super-speciality block of the Government Medical College Hospital, Kozhikode, Kerala on Friday night, which led to the emergency evacuation of several patients.

Five deaths were reported among patients who were evacuated, which sparked off a controversy when some of their family members and T. Siddique, MLA, claimed that they had lost their lives after inhaling smoke.

Site inspection: Health Minister Veena George at the Government Medical College Hospital, Kozhikode, on Saturday. K. RAGESH

According to sources, the preliminary autopsy report of three of the five deceased has ruled out the possibility of smoke entering their lungs. While the fourth had consumed poison, the fifth was brought dead, sources added.

Health Minister Veena George, who held a high-level official meeting at the medical college on Saturday afternoon, told the media that the Kerala State Electrical Inspectorate, the electrical wing of the Public Works Department, and the Forensic wing of the Kerala police would inquire into the fire outbreak.

A team of medical experts drawn from other government medical college hospitals would also conduct an investigation into the matter, she said.

The incident occurred on the ground floor of the PMSSY block of the hospital around 8 p.m. after a reported short circuit led to an explosion in the battery unit of the UPS room attached to the MRI section in the casualty ward.

24 T.N. fishermen assaulted at sea in five separate incidents

The Hindu Bureau
NAGAPATTINAM

In a series of five separate mid-sea incidents on Friday, 24 fishermen from Nagapattinam district were allegedly attacked by Sri Lankan nationals. They reportedly came in multiple boats and assaulted the fishermen with iron rods, knives, PVC pipes, and bamboo poles. The injured fishermen were admitted to the Nagapattinam Government Medical College Hospital.

According to official sources, the incidents occurred off the southeastern coast of Tamil Nadu and involved the fishermen from Akkaraipettai, Vellapallam, Seruthur, and Arcot Thurai villages.

In the first incident, five fishermen of Akkaraipettai, who had ventured into sea on Thursday, were attacked about 30 nautical miles southeast of the Kodiyakarai coast around 6 p.m.

In the second incident, a fibre boat from Vellapallam with five fishermen was attacked while fishing 15 nautical miles southeast of Arukattuthurai around 8 p.m.

In another incident, four fishermen from Seruthur, travelling in an unregistered boat were intercepted and attacked by six Sri Lankan assailants.

A separate incident involved four fishermen from Arcot Thurai. In the fifth case, six fishermen from Seruthur were assaulted.

Twilight hues

Under nature's spell: A rainbow arches across the sky on a cool evening on the R.K. Beach in Visakhapatnam on Thursday. K.R. DEEPAK

Kerala girl diagnosed with rabies despite vaccine administration

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

A girl from Kollam district of Kerala has been diagnosed with rabies despite being administered the anti-rabies vaccine.

The girl, nearly eight years old, was admitted to the SAT Hospital here on Friday and is on ventilator support in the paediatric intensive care unit. She is under sedation to calm her brain and is being administered anti-viral medicines.

The girl was bitten by a stray dog on the inner side of her elbow before noon on April 8. The wound, a deep one, was washed and the first dose of anti-rabies vaccination was administered to her by 12.45 p.m. at the Vilakudy family health centre.

The girl was bitten by a stray dog on April 8 and had taken IDRV as scheduled. FILE PHOTO

She was then taken to the Punalur taluk hospital where the immunoglobulin serum was administered. She received the next three doses of the intradermal rabies vaccine (IDRV) as scheduled. Only one more dose, scheduled for May 6, remains.

However, she developed fever on April 28 and was taken to the Punalur taluk hospital the next day. She was then shifted to a private hospital and then to SAT Hospital after her condition worsened. Here, a cerebrospinal fluid sample that was sent for testing returned a positive result for rabies.

Less than a week ago, a six-year-old girl from Malappuram who was bitten by a stray dog had succumbed to rabies despite receiving the anti-rabies vaccine and serum.

'Rabid' dog goes on biting spree in A.P. village

MADANAPALLE
A dog, suspected to be rabid, went bersek at Bestapalle village in Annamayya of Andhra Pradesh on Saturday, biting half-a-dozen residents , before disappearing from the area. The injured, elderly and kids among them, were given anti-rabies vaccine.

'SC verdict on Governors will further the cause of democracy'

The Hindu Bureau
KOCHI

Former Supreme Court Judge K.M. Joseph said on Saturday that the Supreme Court's judgment laying down timelines for Governors and the President to act on Bills referred to them for their assent will further the cause of democracy and federalism.

"So far as the fixation of time is concerned, it is my humble submission that the Supreme Court of India has not done anything wrong. On the other hand, I would justify it as it would further the cause of democracy and federalism," he said at a seminar on the 'Role of judiciary in the matter of powers of Governors' organised by the State committee of the All India Lawyers' Union.

Justice K.M. Joseph (retd)

Mr. Joseph said under the current system it was not viable to say that the Governor's role should be done away with. He added that when done bona fide, the Governor played a vital link between the State and Union governments. However, the apex court had said 'no' to the Governor playing the role of an employee, agent, or representative of the Centre. "Because you must realise that at the end of the day, the government that sponsors the Bills had promised in the election manifesto that it would bring about changes that could be brought about by making laws," he added.

Royal Road connecting Ernakulam and Munnar may be opened to traffic

Sandeep Vellaram
IDUKKI

With the government appointing a team to study the feasibility of the reopening of the Royal Road, the people of Kuttampuzha, Kothamangalam, and Mankulam, bordering Ernakulam and Idukki districts of Kerala, are hopeful that their long-pending demand will be met. The old Aluva-Munnar Road is popularly known as the Royal Road and connects Ernakulam and Munnar. It was closed for traffic in 2000.

Green stretch: The old Aluva-Munnar Road, also known as the Royal Road, was closed for traffic in 2000. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

On March 16, former Kothamangalam bishop Mar George Punnakkottil, Idukki MP Dean Kuriakose, Kothamangalam MLA Antony John, and hundreds of local people walked through the road, demanding its reopening. However, the Forest department filed a case against the protesters.

The government later asked Rajesh Raveendran, the head of the Forest Force, to submit a detailed report on the road within three months.

The Kothamangalam diocese Chancellor Fr. Jose Kulathur said that the Forest department is making "baseless claims" that the construction of the Royal Road will lead to an increase in human-animal conflict. Mr. Kuriakose alleged that the government was trying to sabotage the reopening initiatives by including only Forest department officials on the panel.

"There is no need for political controversy over the road, and a joint effort is needed to reopen it," said Mr. John.

From Page One

India cuts trade, postal, port links with Pakistan

These announcements came on the same day that Pakistan test-fired its 450 km range nuclear-capable ballistic missile, called Abdali. Sources here described the missile test by Pakistan as a "grave provocation", noting that the latest variant of the Abdali has a longer range. Military buildup has continued over the past few days as hostilities intensified on the Line of Control in Kashmir.

India has already implemented a restrictive visa regime with Pakistan and cancelled fourteen categories of visas for Pakistani nationals. As of now, only the Long Term Visas (LTVs) and diplomatic and officials visas issued to Pakistani officials are valid.

Omar meets Modi

Meanwhile, Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah called on Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday and discussed various key issues, including last week's terror attack in Pahalgam, officials said.

The meeting at the Prime Minister's residence lasted around 30 minutes, they said.

This is the first meeting between the two leaders since the terror attack.

(With PTI inputs)

7 killed, 80 injured in stampede at Goa temple

The committee will be headed by Revenue Secretary Sandeep Jacques and include senior police officer Varsha Sharma, Director of Transport Parimal Abhishek and South Goa SP Tikam Singh Varma. It would submit its report by Sunday morning, Mr. Sawant said.

"Six persons were brought dead. One patient died under observation. The Department of Health is working relentlessly to provide the best possible medical care to those affected by the Lairai Jatra incident. Ten advanced 108 ambulances have been deployed to assist with transfers and on-site management," Goa Health Minister Vishwajit Rane posted on X.

Mr. Rane said about 80 people sustained injuries. As per the latest reports, a total of 74 patients have been attended to across government healthcare facilities.

"At least 30,000 to 40,000 people had gathered, and some were standing on a slope. A few persons fell, causing others to tumble and fall on each other," Director General of Police Alok Kumar said. About 50 people fell on the slope, and the stampede was confined to that spot, he added.

Arun Desai, Assistant Sub-Inspector, Bicholim police station, told *The Hindu*, "The incident happened between 3 and 3.30 a.m. on May 3. Devotees from Goa and neighbouring Maharashtra and Karnataka had started coming from early morning on May 2. By night, the crowd turned overwhelming for the police staff to handle as it went on increasing." We are assuming a person must have fallen down and tripped and some people started walking over them, and possibly that is how the stampede broke out. We are still investigating."

On Saturday evening, the stalls where the stampede took place were shut. Footwear and the offerings of devotees were strewn around on the road. There was no electricity supply due to a power cut. But at the foothill, the situation looked normal. The stalls at the Lairai Jatra were fully set up and the visitors and devotees of Goddess Lairai continued to throng the place.

(With PTI inputs)

'Crowd was herded towards attackers'

As gunshots rang out at Pahalgam on April 22, two terrorists who had mingled with the tourists, deliberately guided the people towards two other armed assailants to prevent the crowd from scattering, say officials; the terrorists fled to forests before the Army could mobilise adequate personnel

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

Probing questions: The attack happened at two to three points within 50 metres of the entry-cum-exit point at Baisaran meadow and and so far, it appears that four men were involved in the attack. AFP

After the first gunshots were fired on the Baisaran meadow in Pahalgam in south Kashmir on April 22, two terrorists who had earlier mingled with the tourists, herded the startled crowd towards two other armed terrorists, who then segregated and killed the people based on religion, a senior government official said on Saturday.

Twenty-five tourists and a local pony operator were killed in the terror attack.

The attack happened at two or three points within 50 metres of the entry-cum-exit point at Baisaran and so far, it appears that four men were involved. The meadow is fenced from all sides.

"The two terrorists knew the crowd would scatter after hearing the gunshots, and they deliberately herded the people towards the armed terrorists," said the official.

The official added that they received specific intelligence input on an attack at "hotels" in Srinagar and Dachigham on April 19, the day Prime Minister Narendra Modi was scheduled to inaugurate the Katra-Sangaldan stretch of the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla rail link. After the Prime Minister's visit was cancelled due to inclement weather, the tourists were targeted at Baisaran.

"A lot of chatter was picked up by security agencies for a month before the terror attack on April 22. This is why senior police officers were stationed in Srinagar four or five days prior to the attack and they were also trying to build on the information," said the official.

A second official said the input was generic and suggested that the target could be "security personnel deployed at hotels".

The first official added that it took more than an hour and a half or the Army to reach the site as they waited for mobilisation of adequate personnel.

The second official explained that this was a tactical move to avoid collateral damage to the security forces.

By the time reinforcement reached Baisaran, accessible only by foot or ponies, the terrorists fled into the forests.

On April 24, at an all-party meeting, Home Minister Amit Shah informed MPs that tourists were sent to Baisaran by nearby hotels without informing the police. He said there was no security presence at the place on the day of the incident, and the tourist site is usually provided with security before the Amarnath Yatra begins. This year, the site was expected to open for tourists on June 15, with the yatra commencing on July 3, the MPs were informed.

However, the first official quoted above said Baisaran meadow was open throughout the year except during the Amarnath pilgrimage. The tender to maintain the tourist site was awarded to a Bijbehara resident in August 2024 for ₹3 crore and there is no government order suggesting that it is a regulated area under security watch.

The official added that two locals from south Kashmir who were said to be involved in the attacks went to Pakistan in 2017-18 through the Attari-Wagah integrated checkpost in Punjab.

"We mined the data of people who went to Pakistan but did not return, and the names of the two Kashmiri men was flagged by the system, which makes us believe that they could be involved in the terror attack," the official added.

The official said that post the attack, the homes of nine people with terror records were blown up in south and north Kashmir and the demolitions had since stopped.

"It was reasoned with the Home Ministry that bombing the homes of terrorists who left years ago does not serve any purpose. It only leads to alienation and outpouring of emotions and the spontaneous support that we witnessed after the killings would have been wasted had the demolitions not been stopped," the official said.

Explaining the possibility of local support to terrorists, the official said that the terrorists who infiltrated from Pakistan were depending less on local people for food and supplies. "We have noticed that they barge into locked shops, pick up whatever items they want and leave behind double the cash and a note of apology for the inconvenience they could have caused. The Baisaran attack would not have happened without the help of a local guide though," said the official.

He said the Gujjar-Bakarwal community are the ones who operate ponies in the area and it is being investigated if they noticed any outsiders days before the attack.

Chennai flight searched in Colombo over alert on Pahalgam terror suspect

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COLOMBO/CHENNAI

Security check: All passengers were thoroughly screened, an official said. FILE PHOTO

A flight from Chennai that arrived in Colombo on Saturday was subjected to a detailed security search, following information from Indian authorities that a suspect linked to the Pahalgam terror attack could be among the travellers, the Sri Lanka Police said.

All passengers, including transit passengers, were thoroughly screened, and no one with the identity provided by Indian authorities was found, a top Sri Lankan official told *The Hindu*.

In a statement issued on Saturday, Sri Lankan Airlines, the island's national carrier, said flight UL-122, which arrived in Colombo from Chennai at 11.59 a.m., was subjected to "a comprehensive security search" upon arrival. "This was carried out in coordination with local authorities following an alert from the Chennai Area Control Centre regarding a suspect wanted in India who was believed to be on board," the statement said.

Pre-planted explosives

At Chennai, tense moments prevailed among officials after the Chennai Airport Director received a mail claiming that five terror operatives were aboard a Sri Lankan Airlines flight bound to Colombo with a plan to activate pre-planted explosives in Chennai airport.

The mail was received at 9.55 a.m. on Saturday, claiming that five men on the the Sri Lankan Airlines flight UL-122 were Lashkar operatives. "Their real plan was to activate pre-planted explosives in Chennai airport... Trigger method hidden signal via mobile phone," said the mail. The airport authority immediately alerted the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) and local police to the threat mail. Sources said by the time of receipt of the mail, the flight had departed and was midway. Immediately, the Area Control Centre (ATC) and the authorities in Colombo were alerted.

PM reiterates commitment to take 'firm' action against Pahalgam perpetrators

Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

Narendra Modi

India is "committed" to taking "firm and decisive action" against terrorists responsible for the Pahalgam terror attack and their supporters, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said after talks with Angolan President Joao Manuel Goncalves Lourenco here on Saturday.

Mr. Modi's comments, more than 10 days after the attacks with the terrorists responsible for gunning down 26 men still not been apprehended, reiterate his previous statements on a strong response to the attack.

"We both agree that terrorism is the biggest threat to humanity," Mr. Modi said as India and Angola exchanged five agreements, including a defence cooperation deal. "We are committed to taking firm and decisive action against the terrorists and those who support them. We thank Angola for their support in our fight against cross-border terrorism," he said after talks with Mr. Lourenco, the current chair of the African Union.

Lavrov-Jaishankar call

In a call with External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar, meanwhile, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov also discussed the situation following the attacks and the "aggravation of India-Pakistan relations". Echoing calls by the U.S., U.K., European Union, Saudi Arabia and other countries, Mr. Lavrov said that India and Pakistan should resolve their differences "by political and diplomatic means".

In what seemed to be a snub to Pakistan, which has threatened to put the Simla Agreement in abeyance, Mr. Lavrov said the differences should be resolved bilaterally "in accordance with the provisions of the Simla Agreement of 1972 and the Lahore Declaration of 1999". In a post on X about the call, Mr. Jaishankar said the "perpetrators, backers and planners" of the Pahalgam attack must be brought to justice".

Bose suggests Centre's intervention in Bengal

Shiv Sahay Singh
KOLKATA

Fearing a spillover of the Murshidabad violence to other districts of West Bengal, Governor C.V. Ananda Bose has suggested that the Centre consider "constitutional options not only to put a check on the current situation but also to generate confidence of people in the rule of law".

In his special report on the communal riots sent to the Union government, which has been accessed by *The Hindu*, the Governor has made three recommendations: to formulate "overarching legislation to empower the Union Government to maintain law and order when the State machinery fails to act effectively"; to appoint a Commission of Inquiry under The Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952 to look into the reported acts of omission and commission and to suggest measures to prevent such incidents in future; and to set up outposts of the Border Security Force in vulnerable areas."

Communal violence erupted in the Dhulian and Samserganj areas of Murshidabad on April 11 and 12, claiming three lives and leaving hundreds of people homeless.

At the very end of his report, without phrasing it as a recommendation, the Governor mentioned Article 356 of the Constitution that prescribes imposition of President's rule in a State. "Needless to add, the provisions under Article 356 of the Constitution also remain," the report said.

The Governor had visited the violence-affected areas on April 18 and 19, where he had interacted with people affected by the violence and listened to their demands, including for the permanent deployment of the BSF.

In the report, the Governor called for "reinstating/setting up Central Forces Outposts/BSF Outposts on their jurisdictional limit in the vulnerable districts along the international border".

Manipur marks two years of ethnic violence by remembering victims

The Hindu Bureau
GUWAHATI

A joint student body called for a total shutdown in Churachandpur to mark two years of the ethnic crisis in Manipur on Saturday. ANI

Shutdowns marked the second anniversary of the ethnic conflict in Manipur as the Kuki-Zo and Meitei communities remembered the victims of the violence in their respective areas of dominance on Saturday.

Educational institutions and businesses in the Meitei-majority Imphal Valley shut down in response to a call by the Coordinating Committee on Manipur Integrity (COCOMI), a conglomerate of social organisations, to attend a public convention at Khuman Lampak Stadium in Imphal.

People in the hills dominated by the Kuki-Zo group of tribes also observed a shutdown called by the Zomi Students Federation and the Kuki Students Organisation.

At the COCOMI event, people offered floral tributes in memory of the victims. The speakers, including scholars, eminent personalities, and leaders of civil society organisations, called for peace, justice, resolution of the conflict, and the protection of Manipur's territorial integrity.

The tenor of the Imphal convention contrasted with 'Separation Day', the theme of the anniversary event organised by the Indigenous Tribal Leaders' Forum, which has been batting for the rights of the Kuki-Zo people. The highlight of the forum's programme was the convergence of hundreds of people at the 'Wall of Remembrance' in Churachandpur to pay their homage to the Kuki-Zo victims of the conflict.

The emphasis of the 'Separation Day' was on the Kuki-Zo demand for a separate administration that has been gaining momentum since the ethnic conflict broke out two years ago.

Security was heightened in different parts of the State, specifically in the Kuki-Zo and Meitei areas. However, no untoward incident was reported.

The ethnic violence erupted on May 3, 2023, after tribals in the hill districts took out a solidarity rally to protest the State government's alleged move to grant Scheduled Tribe status to the Meiteis concentrated in the Imphal Valley, which along with the Jiribam area, comprise about 10% of Manipur's geographical area.

The violence left more than 250 people dead and some 60,000 others displaced.

Cong. demands fresh election in Manipur to bring back peace

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Congress on Saturday accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi of failing to uphold *rajdharma* (the duty of a ruler) by not visiting strife-torn Manipur in the past two years, and asked why the PM had such "disdain" for the people of the State.

State Congress chief K. Meghachandra Singh claimed that Manipur was still witnessing sporadic incidents of violence, and also demanded a fresh Assembly election to bring back peace and normalcy.

"So far, there is not much improvement even after [the imposition of] President's Rule, and the 'double engine' government is unable to bring peace and normalcy. They have failed... We want to have a fresh mandate," Mr. Singh said, addressing a press conference along with Lok Sabha member and All India Congress Committee in-charge for Manipur Saptagiri Ulaka at the party headquarters here.

In a post on X, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge said that, just two days ago, 25 people had been injured in a violent clash in Tamenglong district. He said that since violence had erupted on May 3, 2023, more than 260 people had died and 68,000 people had been displaced, with thousands still living in relief camps.

Alleging that the Centre had passed a resolution for President's Rule in Manipur in Parliament at 2 a.m. to hide its "rank incompetence", Mr. Kharge posted, "Modi ji, once again, you failed upholding RAJDHARMA".

On the draw

Tejashwi demands quotas in private sector, judiciary

In a letter to Modi, the RJD leader says decision to conduct caste count could be transformative; he adds that redrawing of constituencies should be sensitive to, and reflective of, the census data

Amit Bhelari
PATNA

Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) leader and Leader of the Opposition in the Bihar Assembly Tejashwi Yadav has written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and put forward several demands related to the caste enumeration, including reservation in the private sector.

On April 30, the Modi government announced the addition of a caste count in the forthcoming Census.

Mr. Yadav demanded that there should be reservation in contracts and judiciary, proportional reservation based on caste count data and full implementation of the pending Mandal Commission recommendations.

Mr. Yadav alleged that for years, the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government at the Centre had dismissed the calls for a caste enumeration as divisive and unnecessary.

"When Bihar took the initiative to conduct its own caste survey, Central authorities including the top law officer of the government and your party created obstacles at every step. Your party colleagues questioned the very necessity of such data collection. Your belated decision represents an acknowledgement of the groundswell of demands from the citizens who have long been relegated to the margins of our society," Mr. Yadav said in the letter posted on the social media platform X on Saturday.

> Your belated decision [of conducting a caste count] represents an acknowledgement of the groundswell of demand from the citizens who have long been relegated to the margins of our society
> **TEJASHWI YADAV**
> RJD leader

He further said that the Bihar caste survey, which revealed that Other Backward Class (OBCs) and Extremely Backward Class (EBCs) constitute approximately 63% of the State's population, shattered many myths perpetuated to maintain the status quo.

"Similar patterns are likely to emerge nationwide. I am sure that the revelation that disadvantaged communities form the overwhelming majority of our population while remaining severely underrepresented in positions of power will create a democratic awakening transcending political boundary," Mr. Yadav said.

'First step'

He added that conducting the caste census is merely the first step of the long journey towards social justice and the census data must lead to a comprehensive review of social protection and reservation policies. The leader had explained that the cap on reservations would have to be reconsidered post caste census.

He said the caste census was an opportunity to correct enduring injustices in the upcoming delimitation exercise.

"The redrawing of constituencies should be sensitive to and reflective of the census data. Special provisions must be made for adequate political representation of OBCs and EBCs who have been systematically excluded from decision-making forums. Hence, they will need to be expanded based on the proportional representation principle in State Assemblies and Parliament of India," Mr. Yadav said.

"The private sector, which has been a major beneficiary of public resources, cannot remain insulated from social justice imperatives," the RJD leader said in the two page letter.

Calling the decision historic, he said that the decision to conduct the caste count could be a transformative moment in India's journey towards equality.

Will you act against Adani's nephew, Cong. asks SEBI

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The Congress on Saturday asked whether market regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) would prosecute Gautam Adani's nephew Pranav Adani, who has been accused of sharing insider data.

Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh said the people of India were still waiting for the SEBI to complete the investigation into Adani's violation of 24 counts of securities laws.

'Insider trading'

"The Modani Matter simply refuses to go away. Recently Gautam Adani's nephew – who is a director in several Adani Group companies – has been accused of insider trading by sharing unpublished, price-sensitive information with his brother-in-law which resulted in 'ill-gotten gains' of ₹90 lakh," he said in a post on social media platform X.

"Will SEBI once again let the Prime Minister's favourite business group off with a slap on the wrist? Or will it prosecute the case to the full extent of the law?" he asked.

Centre terminates services of IMF ED K.V. Subramanian

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The government has terminated the services of K.V. Subramanian as the Executive Director at the International Monetary Fund (IMF), sources said on Saturday. He had six more months to complete his 3-year tenure.

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has terminated his services effective April 30, they added. The reasons for his exit have not been officially announced. Sources said the government would soon find a replacement to be nominated to the IMF Board.

According to them, Mr. Subramanian is learnt to have raised questions about the IMF's datasets, which did not go down well with some agency officials. Sources said, concerns were raised over an "alleged impropriety" relating to promotion of his latest book, *India @ 100*.

The Executive Board of the IMF is composed of 25 EDs elected by the member countries or groups of countries. India is in a four-country constituency, with Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Bhutan as members.

All-party meet held in Haryana on water row

The Hindu Bureau
CHANDIGARH

Amid the face-off between Punjab and Haryana over water-sharing, an all-party meeting, chaired by Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini, was held here on Saturday.

During the meeting, a resolution was unanimously passed urging the Punjab government to implement, without conditions, the decisions of the Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB). The BBMB had decided to release an extra 4,500 cusecs of water from the Bhakra Nangal dam to meet the urgent water needs of Haryana, and parts of Rajasthan.

The leaders termed the withholding of Haryana's share of water by Punjab "unconstitutional".

Meanwhile, Punjab declined to participate in a meet convened by the BBMB on the issue.

Chronic judicial vacancies, backlog of cases plague various High Courts

Soibam Rocky Singh
NEW DELHI

In a rare and candid observation, the Delhi High Court last week cited the "acute shortage of judges" as a key reason for its inability to hear all cases listed in its daily cause list. The comment serves as a sobering reminder of the systemic challenges confronting the judiciary.

Though incidental, the remark has drawn attention to a long-standing issue plaguing the judiciary – chronic judicial vacancies across India.

The Delhi High Court currently functions with only 36 judges, well below its sanctioned strength of 60. This means nearly 40% of judicial posts remain vacant. The court is simultaneously grappling with a staggering backlog of 1,34,090 pending cases.

According to the latest data from the Department of Justice, India's 25 High Courts have a combined sanctioned strength of 1,114 judges. As of now, only 769 judges are in position, leaving 345 posts, or over 30%, vacant.

These 769 judges are responsible for clearing a backlog of 62,96,798 cases pending across the High Courts.

The Allahabad High Court leads with the highest number of vacancies – 81 out of 160 sanctioned posts. It also faces the heaviest caseload, with 11,76,229 cases pending, according to the National Judicial Data Grid (NJDG). The Punjab and Haryana High Court follows, with 32 vacancies against a strength of 85. Only the Sikkim and Meghalaya High Courts report zero vacancies.

Except for 2019, when the High Courts disposed of more cases (23,53,736) than were instituted (22,01,442), case filings have consistently outpaced disposals. In 2024 alone, 24,06,178 cases were filed, while only 22,57,971 were resolved.

This widening gap highlights the increasing strain on the judiciary and the urgent need to fill vacancies to ensure the timely delivery of justice.

Stalled appointments

Responding to a query in the Rajya Sabha on April 3, Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal said 150 High Court judge appointment proposals were currently at various stages of processing between the government and the Supreme Court Collegium. For another 205 vacancies, recommendations from the High Court Collegiums are still awaited.

The "India Justice Report, 2025" underscores the depth of the crisis. Between 2020 and 2024, pending cases in Indian courts surged nearly 20%. Despite this sharp rise, judicial vacancies have remained persistently high, with the High Courts operating with about 33% of sanctioned posts unfilled.

Case file

The pendency of cases in various Indian courts is increasing every year

Name of court	Number of pending cases			
	Dec.31, 2022	Dec.31, 2023	Dec.31, 2024	As on Feb.7, 2025
Supreme Court	78,797	80,674	82,496	81,573
High Courts	53,92,031	54,42,547	55,40,682	62,35,242
District and subordinate courts	4,32,93,727	4,39,70,061	4,54,54,003	4,57,42,040

SOURCE: SUPREME COURT OF INDIA. NATIONAL JUDICIAL DATA GRID (NJDG)

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At The Huddle, players from three generations to take the field for women's cricket in India

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MUMBAI

Over the years, women's cricket has become extremely popular in India.

With pay parity and the introduction of the Women's Premier League, the game has been one of the major highlights of the women sports' growth story in the country. In the 1970s, when a bunch of young women took up cricket, it was far from easy for them to pursue their passion. But with determination and an indomitable spirit, they never gave up.

In 1973, when the Women's Cricket Association of India (WCAI) was formed in Lucknow, it was a walk into the unknown for the cricketers and the administration. The Women in Blue played their first ODI during the 1978 World Cup – the year that the WCAI got recognised by the International Women's Cricket Council.

However, despite enjoying success in bilateral cricket, it took India more than three decades to hog the limelight in the international arena. That happened when the women's team reached the final of the Cricket World Cup held in South Africa in 2005.

Thereafter, with the BCCI bringing women's cricket into its fold, the game received a massive shot in the arm. With the Board taking care of the players and providing facilities, India reached the final of the 2017 World Cup.

Though it finished runner-up, this was a game-changing moment and helped the game receive yet another boost in terms of popularity.

At *The Hindu* Huddle session titled "No boundaries: growth of women's cricket in India", Shanta Rangaswamy, India's first women's team captain and a former BCCI apex council member; Mithali Raj, former India captain; and Shreyanka Patil, India international and Royal Challengers Bengaluru cricketer, will talk us through the journey of women's cricket in the country. In the session moderated by K.C. Vijaya Kumar, Sports Editor of the *The Hindu*, the panellists, who belong to three generations, will share their thoughts on how the game has grown and the road ahead.

The Huddle will be held in Bengaluru on May 9 and 10. If you have any questions that you would like the moderator to ask the panellists, write to huddle@thehindu.co.in

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INBRIEF

Over 80 rooftop bars, eateries in Kolkata may be shut down

The Kolkata police have identified more than 80 eateries and bars operating on rooftops across the city which the State government has decided to close down in the wake of the Burrabazar hotel fire that took the lives of 14 people four days ago. According to an order issued by the Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC), Mayor Firhad Hakim asked a committee to find all the rooftop encroachments and file a report in 15 days. He said a roof and stairs are common property of the building and cannot be rented out, hence the decision to close them down. But multiple bars, restaurants, cafes, and pubs may come under the hammer after this order from the KMC.

CRPF dismisses jawan for marriage to Pak. woman

The Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) on Saturday said a constable has been dismissed from service for "concealing his marriage to a Pakistani national". The CRPF said constable Munir Ahmed had been dismissed from service for concealing his marriage to a Pakistani national, and knowingly harbouring her in India beyond the period of validity of her visa. "His actions were found to be in violation of service conduct and detrimental to national security," the CRPF said. Mr. Ahmed's wife, Minal Khan, was among the list of Pakistani nationals whose visas were revoked and asked to leave in the aftermath of the Pahalgam terror attack.

Odisha Governor converts his official fleet to e-vehicles

Odisha Governor Hari Babu Kambhampati has converted most of his official fleet to electric vehicles (EV) and set an ambitious target to transform the Raj Bhavan into a net-zero energy campus. "My objective is to bring down use of fossil fuel at all levels. So we decided to switch to electric vehicles, which will not only lessen our dependence on petrol and diesel, it will also help our surrounding pollution [remain] free," Mr. Kambhampati said at a press conference on Saturday. Even some electric two-wheelers have been procured for the Raj Bhavan. Employees of Raj Bhawan also have been encouraged to switch to EVs as part of a drive to stop use of fossil fuels.

NIA obtains Tahawwur Rana's voice, handwriting samples

The National Investigation Agency on Saturday collected the voice and handwriting samples of Tahawwur Rana, the alleged mastermind behind the 26/11 Mumbai terror attack. The evidence was obtained before a Delhi court during an in-chamber proceeding. The Central agency had brought Rana to the court of Judicial Magistrate First Class Vaibhav Kumar under tight security. The accused wrote various letters and numerical characters in front of the judge. Piyush Sachdev, the legal aid council representing Rana, said he fully complied with the court order, passed on April 30, which asked him to submit his handwriting and voice samples to the agency.

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With 26 Rafales, aircraft carriers will have a full fighter strength

The jets and the flight deck of carriers will need slight modifications; as part of the contract, delivery of the aircraft will begin in the second quarter of 2028 and be completed by the end of 2030; crew will undergo training in France and India

Dinakar Peri
NEW DELHI

When all the 26 Rafale-Ms that India is buying from France join the Indian Navy, both its aircraft carriers will have a full complement of fighter jets.

The delivery of the jets will begin in the second quarter of 2028 and be completed by 2030-end under a deal inked by the two counries last week. However, the aircraft and the flight deck of the carriers will need slight modifications for the Rafale-M to fit on the lifts and perform optimally.

"The lifts would need some modifications for the Rafale-M to fit in and as the Indian carriers use a ski-jump, the overall system would also need some changes," a source said.

The wing pylons of the Rafales need to be taken off, which takes a few minutes, before they can be moved on the lift, another source said. The lifts on board a carrier are used to move the jets and equipment between the hangar below and the flight deck above.

The consolidation of the capital allocation in the defence budget done two years ago, doing away with service-specific capital allocation, came in handy in prioritising the payments for the Rafale deal, which was earlier planned to be concluded in the previous fiscal.

India, France deal

On April 28, India and France concluded an Inter-Governmental Agreement for the procurement of 26 Rafale-Marine jets – 22 single-seater and four twin-seater – for the Navy.

The agreement includes training, simulator, associated equipment, weapons and performance-based logistics (PBL) for five years costing nearly ₹64,000 crore. The crew will undergo training in France and India.

Fighter craft: A Rafale-M jet being secured on the lift on French carrier *Charles de Gaulle*. DINAKAR PERI

The cost of the deal was not officially mentioned. It includes additional equipment for the existing 36 Rafale fleet of the Indian Air Force, which, officials said, includes some support and maintenance equipment.

Rafale-M will be capable of operating from both the carriers – *INS Vikramaditya* and *INS Vikrant*. The country's first indigenous carrier, *INS Vikrant*, measuring 262 metres long and 62 metres wide, can operate an air wing of 30 aircraft comprising MiG-29K fighter jets and, in the future, Rafale-Ms, the Kamov-31 early warning helicopters, the MH-60R multi-role helicopters and the indigenous advanced light helicopters.

Both the carriers use the STOBAR (short take-off but arrested recovery) method to launch and recover aircraft for which it is equipped with a ski-jump to launch aircraft and three "arrester wires" for their recovery on landing.

The Navy and Defence Ministry were keen to conclude the deal in the financial year 2024-25. Funds were earmarked in the capital budget. However, as the deal got delayed, it would have meant that unspent money would be returned to the Finance Ministry.

To avoid that and to optimise the capital utilisation, the Union government cleared and concluded another mega-deal that was in the pipeline but was to be concluded early: the deal for 156 light combat helicopters (LCH) with Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. (HAL) at a cost of ₹62,700 was advanced and concluded on March 28, 2025.

2 Americans detained at Mizoram airport, sent back to Delhi

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

Two American nationals were detained at the Lengpui airport in Mizoram's Aizawal on May 2 and were sent back to Delhi on Saturday. The two had arrived in Mizoram as they wanted to visit the refugee camps of the Bawm community, a senior government official told *The Hindu* on Saturday.

"The man and the woman were detained at the Lengpui airport and were sent back to Delhi," said the official adding that none of them had a protected area permit (PAP) to enter the State.

Intelligence agencies had received information that four U.S. citizens, including two of Bangladeshi origin, who are in India on tourist visas, would be arriving at Aizawl on May 2. The agencies suspect that the Bangladeshi origin U.S. citizens played a key role in raising the Kuki-Chin National Front in Chittagong during its nascent stage.

NEET-UG today; three-tier monitoring put in place to check malpractice: official

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Mock drills were conducted on Saturday at the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test centres to ensure the smooth conduct of Sunday's test, an official source said.

The test for admission to medical undergraduate programmes will be held at 5,453 centres in over 500 cities across the country. This year, over 22.7 lakh candidates have registered for the test.

Three-tier monitoring

"There will be three layers of monitoring on the test day – at the district, State, and Central levels," a source from the Education Ministry said.

Most centres this year are located in government and government-aided schools, colleges, universities, and other institutions.

"To ensure a smooth and secure conduct of the exam, mock drills are being conducted at all centres. These drills will help test readiness in terms of functionality of mobile signal jammers; availability of adequate manpower for frisking; and biometric authentication procedures," the source said.

Readiness review: Mock drills have been conducted to assess test preparedness and functionality of equipment. H.S. MANJUNATH

The Ministry has said that candidates found indulging in unfair means – before, during, or after the test – will be booked and penalised accordingly.

"The penalties include debarment of up to three years from appearing in the NTA exams (based on severity) and criminal and/or legal action under the Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act, 2024," the source said.

These strict measures come a year after alleged irregularities, even paper-leak, came to light, putting the integrity of the test under the scanner.

I&B Ministry unveils global partnerships for creative tech institute in Mumbai

Devesh K. Pandey
MUMBAI

The Union Information and Broadcasting (I&B) Ministry on Saturday unveiled the vision for the Indian Institute of Creative Technology (IICT), an upcoming Mumbai-based national centre of excellence dedicated to the Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming, Comics, and Extended Reality (AVGC-XR) sector in collaboration with the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) and Confederation of Indian Industry (CII).

On the third day of the WAVES (World Audio Visual and Entertainment) summit, Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw flagged off the institute's partnerships and long-term collaborations with global industry leaders, including JioStar, Adobe, Google and YouTube, Meta, Wacom, Microsoft, and Nvidia. These companies have agreed to provide support to the IICT in curriculum development, internships, scholarships, start-up funding, and job placements, Mr. Vaishnaw said.

Ashwini Vaishnaw

Letters of Intent signed

IICT representatives signed several Letters of Intent at the event, including with Jiostar, Adobe, Google, YouTube, and Meta.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Vaishnaw said the IICT was on track to evolve into a premier institution in its field, on the lines of the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) and Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs).

"We have started an initiative which is completely novel in the world of film and entertainment. This [initiative] follows the vision of our Prime Minister that India can take the global lead in the media and entertainment sector," he said.

Industry leaders present on the occasion included Richard Kerris of Nvidia, Sanjog Gupta of JioStar, Mala Sharma of Adobe, Preeti Lobana of Google India, Rajiv Malik of Wacom, Sandeep Bandivdekar of Microsoft, and Sunil Abraham of Meta.

Also present were members of the IICT's Board and Governing Council, including Ashish Kulkarni, Biren Ghosh, Manvendra Shukul, Munjal Shroff, Chaitanya Chinchlikar, and Subhash Sapru.

U.K., India can be exemplars of how culture unites people: Lisa Nandy

Sreeparna Chakrabarty
NEW DELHI

India and the United Kingdom can be the world's "exemplars" of using cultural collaborations to transcend national boundaries and bring people together, U.K. Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport Lisa Nandy said on Saturday.

On Friday, India and the United Kingdom signed a new bilateral Cultural Cooperation Agreement. This pact is expected to facilitate increased U.K. creative exports to India and enable more partnerships between British and Indian museums and cultural institutions.

'Start of next chapter'

The U.K. Culture Secretary remarked on Saturday that the agreement serves as a "signal of intent" and marks "the beginning of the next chapter" in the relationship, anticipating further collaborations.

Diplomatic exchange: External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar with Lisa Nandy on the sidelines of WAVES 2025, in Mumbai. PTI

Observing that Prime Minister Narendra Modi aims to use India's significant cultural heritage to unite people globally, Ms. Nandy noted this aligns closely with the message from U.K. Prime Minister Keir Starmer.

In an interview with *The Hindu*, Ms. Nandy, who is on a three-day visit to India, said that while cultural collaboration between the two countries was economically important, its greater significance lay elsewhere. "We feel that at a time when the world feels very divided, [the] U.K. and India can be real exemplars of how you can use culture to bring people much closer together," she said.

Ms. Nandy stressed the importance of acknowledging India's influence on modern Britain, which she feels is often overlooked compared with Britain's impact on India.

"Even the Beatles, which was a quintessentially British band, was profoundly influenced by the sounds of Indian music," she said. "Without which we would not have the vibrancy across our music industry."

"It is important to our people that we help to celebrate and interpret that for them: How the partnership between India and the U.K. has helped shape modern Britain," she said.

President and CJI stress on mediation to resolve conflicts

Ishita Mishra
NEW DELHI

President Droupadi Murmu and Chief Justice of India (CJI) Sanjiv Khanna on Saturday stressed on mediation to resolve disputes and lower the burden of courts across the country. They added that mediation can enhance both the ease of doing business and ease of living, and that the same is not a lesser form of justice, but a wiser form of it.

Speaking at the launch of the first national mediation conference organised by the Mediation Association of India, a pioneering initiative envisioned by Attorney-General of India R. Venkataramani, Ms. Murmu hailed the "long and rich tradition" in India of judicial mechanisms in which out-of-court settlements were more of a norm than exception. She said the colonial rulers had "unfortunately" ignored this exemplary legacy when they imposed an alien legal system.

"Mediation can speed up the delivery of justice not only in the specific case under consideration, but also in other cases, by reducing the burden on courts of a large number of litigations. It can make the overall judicial system much more efficient," added the President.

Drawing a parallel between mediation and courtroom, Chief Justice Sanjiv Khanna said adjudication was often to a dispute and parties, what most medicines were to an ailment – they treat the symptoms and provide relief, which makes us feel better.

SBI Q4 net slips 10% on provisions, board okays ₹15.9 dividend

Board authorises bank to raise ₹25,000 crore during FY26, public sector lender cuts credit growth guidance by up to 200 basis points (bps)

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

State Bank of India (SBI) reported a 10% year-on-year drop in net profit to ₹18,643 crore as compared with ₹20,698 crore a year earlier on higher provisions.

Answering a question, SBI Chairman C. S. Setty said, "There were some one-ups during the fourth quarter. The NII performed well and there was no major reason"

Net Interest Income (NII) for the quarter grew 2.63% to ₹42,775 crore.

During the quarter, the Net Interest Margin (NIM) stood at 3.15% as against 3.47%, down 32 bps.

Loan loss provisions during the quarter grew 20.35% to ₹3,964 crore.

The bank's central board, at its meeting held on Saturday, declared a dividend of ₹15.90 per equity share of ₹1 each fully paid up for FY25.

The record date for determining the eligibility of members entitled to receive dividend on equity shares is May 16.

Strong wicket: SBI's asset quality had been strong for the last 5 years and there was room to lend money for growth, says Setty. PTI

The system level credit growth probably would be 10% to 11%, says SBI Chairman

Advances, deposits
The bank said advances increased 12.03% to ₹42,20,703 crore while deposits grew 9.48% to ₹53,82,190 crore.

Gross NPAs (non-performing assets) for the quarter slid to 8.78% to ₹76,880 crore.

Net NPAs during the quarter reduced to 6.58% to ₹19,667 crore.

FY25 net up 16%
For FY25 the bank reported a 16% growth in net profit to ₹70,901 crore while NII at ₹1,66,965 crore grew 4.43% YoY.

For the full year, the bank had a loan loss provision of ₹14,418 crore, an increase of 51.49%.

The bank cut it's credit growth for this year. "Our earlier guidance (for credit growth) was 14% to 16%, we are moderating that to 12% to 13%. The system level credit growth probably would be 10% to 11%," Mr. Setty told the media here.

He said the rate cut by the Reserve Bank of India would put pressure on the bank's margin but he could not quantify the impact.

He said the bank's asset quality had been strong for the last five years and there was sufficient headroom to lend money for growth.

The board authorised the bank to raise ₹25,000 by way of Qualified Institutional Placement or follow on public offer (FPO).

Net NPAs came down to 0.19% of the net advances from 0.43% a year earlier.

Indian Bank Q4 net soars 32%, to pay dividend

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

State-owned Indian Bank on Saturday reported a 32% jump in net profit to ₹2,956 crore for the March quarter of 2024-25, helped by a decline in bad loans and a rise in core income.

During the quarter, the bank's total income increased to ₹18,599 crore from ₹16,887 crore a year ago, Indian Bank said in a regulatory filing.

Interest income grew to ₹15,856 crore from ₹14,624 crore. Net Interest Income (NII) improved to ₹6,389 crore from ₹6,015 crore.

On asset quality, the bank's gross Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) moderated to 3.09% of gross advances compared with 3.95% by end March 2024.

Net NPAs came down to 0.19% of the net advances from 0.43%.

The board recommended a dividend of 16.25 paise per equity share of the face value of ₹10 each for 2024-25 subject to the approval of the shareholders.

Kotak Bank Q4 net slips 14%, to pay ₹2.5 dividend

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Kotak Mahindra Bank reported a 14% year-on-year drop in Q4 standalone net profit to ₹3,552 crore against ₹ 4,133 crore in the year-earlier period.

Net Interest Income (NII) for the fourth quarter increased 5% year-on-year to ₹7,284 crore.

Net Interest Margin (NIM) for the quarter was at 4.97% compared with 5.28% a year earlier.

The board of directors has recommended a dividend of ₹2.50 per equity share having face value of ₹5 for FY25.

The bank's net profit for FY25 increased to ₹16,450 crore (including gain on divestment of KGI of ₹2,730 crore) from ₹13,782 crore in FY24, up 19%.

Net profit for FY25, excluding gain on divestment of KGI, stood at ₹13,720 crore, the bank said in a regulatory filing.

NII for FY25 rose to ₹28,342 crore, from ₹25,993 crore in FY24, up 9% YoY. NIM for FY25 was 4.96% as compared with 5.32% in the previous year.

Advances rise 13%
Advances increased 13% YoY to ₹4,44,316 crore as at March 31, 2025 from ₹3,91,729 crore as at March 31, 2024.

Unsecured retail advances (including retail micro credit) as a percentage of net advances stood at 10.5% as at March 31, 2025, the bank said.

Net Interest Income (NII) for the fourth quarter climbed 5% to ₹7,284 crore.

Average total deposits grew to ₹4,68,486 crore for Q4FY25 compared with ₹4,08,321 crore for Q4FY24 up 15% YoY.

As at March 31, 2025, GNPA was 1.42% and NNPA was 0.31% (GNPA was 1.39% and NNPA was 0.34% at March 31, 2024).

As at March 31, 2025, Provision Coverage Ratio stood at 78%.

Capital Adequacy Ratio
Capital Adequacy Ratio of the Bank, as per Basel III, as at March 31, 2025 was 22.2% and CET1 ratio of 21.1%, the bank said.

Consolidated net profit for FY25 increased to ₹22,126 crore (including gain on divestment of KGI of ₹3,013 crore) from ₹18,213 crore in FY24, up 21% YoY.

Consolidated net profit for FY25 excluding gain on divestment of KGI stood at ₹19,113 crore, up 5%. Consolidated net profit for Q4FY25 stood at ₹4,933 crore compared with ₹5,337 crore, down 8%.

INBRIEF

City Union Bank Q4 profit after tax rises 13% to ₹288 cr.

Private sector lender City Union Bank profit after tax (PAT) for the fourth quarter ended March 31 rose 13% year-on-year to ₹288 crore. Net interest income (NII) rose 10% to ₹601 crore. The PAT for FY25 stood at ₹1,124 crore compared with ₹1,016 crore in the same period last year, a growth of 11%. NII rose to ₹2,316 crore in FY25 compared with ₹2,123 crore in FY24. Gross NPA stood at 3.09% for FY25 against 3.99% for FY24. Net NPA stood at 1.25% in FY25 against 1.97% in FY24.

Start-up unveils IIT Bombay's AC filtration technology

Developed by IIT Bombay, a new AC filtration technology capturing most of the pollutants from PM 2.5 to PM 1 as well as allergens and pathogens is being used by a start-up in its first-of its kind AC air purifier. AIRTH, air purification start-up, announced successful testing of AC filtration technology Filtrix that can be applied in any air conditioner. The technology has upgraded more than 30,000 ACs across India to deliver clean air for better health, a company statement said. PTI

ICAI to aid markets regulator SEBI in tackling financial fraud

Chartered accountants' apex body ICAI will be preparing a research paper to help markets watchdog SEBI in dealing with financial frauds. ICAI President Charanjot Singh Nanda said the institute will set up a working group and hold discussions with SEBI to finalise the various aspects that will be looked into with respect to tackling financial fraud. The working group will submit a research paper to the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) in this regard. PTI

'JSW Steel may face target challenge after SC order on BPSL'

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Sajjan Jindal-led JSW Steel may face challenges in meeting its expansion target and maintaining revenue guidance after the Supreme Court judgement rejected its resolution plan for Bhushan Steel and Power Ltd (BPSL), say analysts.

The company may also see a production cut of about 10% besides rejig in capital expenditure plans in view of the huge amount paid to creditors of debt-laden BPSL, they said.

'IBC violation'
The Supreme Court on Friday set aside a resolution plan submitted by JSW Steel for Bhushan Power and Steel Ltd. (BSPL), holding it illegal and in violation of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC).

Sajjan Jindal

In 2019, JSW Steel won the bid to acquire BPSL under the IBC for a little less than ₹20,000 crore.

Commerce Ministry consults industry on India-U.S. trade deal

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The U.S. was India's largest trading partner in 2024-25 with bilateral trade valued at $131.84 bn

The Commerce Ministry held a comprehensive consultation with the domestic industry on the proposed India-U.S. trade agreement and sought suggestions to further deepen bilateral trade ties in a mutually beneficial manner, according to an official.

The stakeholder consultation was chaired by Special Secretary in the Ministry Rajesh Agrawal. He is India's chief negotiator for the India-U.S. bilateral trade agreement (BTA).

During the meeting, Department of Commerce officials briefed the industry representatives on recent developments related to India-U.S. trade ties and solicited views and suggestions to expand them in a mutually beneficial manner, the official added.

The Special Secretary assured the industry the inputs would be factored in the ongoing trade negotiations. The U.S. was India's largest trading partner for the fourth consecutive year in 2024-25 with bilateral trade valued at $131.84 billion.

JioStar to invest ₹32,000 crore this fiscal year; to focus on local content

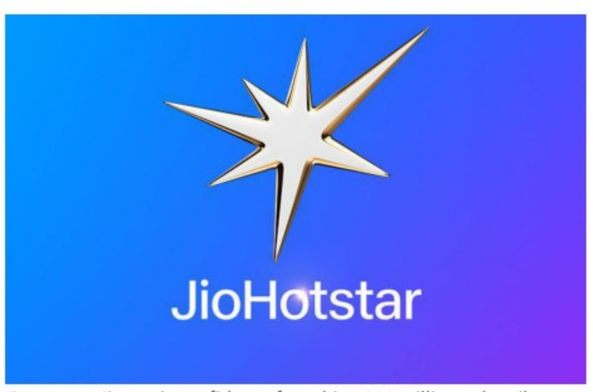
Vallari Sanzgiri
MUMBAI

JioStar will spend ₹32,000-₹33,000 crore on content this financial year, said Uday Shankar, Vice-Chairman of the Mukesh Ambani's media firm, at the World Audio Visual and Entertainment Summit (WAVES) in Mumbai on Saturday.

In a chat, Mr. Shankar said in FY24, the two firms viz Jio Cinema and Disney+Hotstar spent ₹25,000 crore on content alone.

In FY25, that number went up to ₹30,000 crore and next year will be over ₹32,000-₹33,000 crore.

"In three years, we have spent more than $10 billion," said Mr. Shankar, adding that there was a case for more investment.



Game on: Jiostar is confident of reaching 300 million subscribers this Indian Premier League (IPL) season. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

He said Indian media companies target domestic consumers with recoveries expected from the same market, whereas global companies spend with returns expected from different markets.

Mr. Shankar also expressed confidence about reaching 300 million subscribers this Indian Premier League (IPL) season. Arguing Jio Cinema and Disney+Hotstar came together at a time when Pay TV was considered dead, Mr. Shankar said the pay TV segment added rather than losing subscribers.

Pay TV market
"We believe India will continue to be an exciting pay TV market for a while. This year, be it IPL or entertainment content, we are seeing growth in connectivity," he said.

Mr. Shankar said more content needs to be made locally, tailored to the Indian market and tastes.

(The writer is with The Hindu businessline)

When you clap, where does the sound come from?

Priyali Prakash

What are the odds you clapped your hands in the last 24 hours? Probably very high. Clapping is a common activity for people – so common that we take the sound it makes for granted. But do you know where that sound comes from?

In a study recently published in *Physical Review Research*, researchers used real-life and experimental data and theory to find the answer.

At the heart of the sound is a Helmholtz resonator – a device that produces sound by trapping and vibrating air within a cavity. When you push air into or out of it, the air molecules oscillate and create sound of a particular frequency. This is also why blowing over the aperture of an open bottle produces a whistling sound.

The researchers said the air enclosed between the palms is the cavity in a Helmholtz resonator. In an experiment, they deposited dry baby powder into a palm cavity to render the airflow visible. Then as the hands clapped, the researchers tracked airflow behaviour, acoustic signal, cavity pressure, and soft material deformation.

The team found that the first and strongest jet of air was heard at the first impact of the two palms, after which the jet dissipated. They recorded a few secondary and tertiary jets as well but they created little sound. This established the clapping sound was caused by air flowing between the palms, not by the palms' vibration. Each clapping sound dissipated in about 10 ms.

Palm shapes

Not all claps were the same. The team found that different palm shapes made different sounds. The frequency, and therefore the pitch, increased as the shape changed from cupped to palm-palm to palm-finger contact.

Claps by some individuals also had two distinct frequency peaks: a lower one associated with the Helmholtz resonator and the higher one with sound from the finger grooves, when the fingers met the receiving hand. These grooves acted like a pipe open at one end, and the sound was made by air vibrating inside.

Because people clap differently and because fingers can bend to different degrees while clapping, the real-life sound peaks varied from theory.

The team also reported that though the extent of skin deformation didn't affect the frequency much, it could still affect the sound's intensity and how long it lasted.

Microgravity increases core body temperature: IIST study

A 3D computational model of human thermoregulation developed by IIST researchers tracks how heat moves through the body, and accounts for mechanisms like sweating, shivering, and other factors that influence regulation of body heat

Shreejaya Karantha

The Voyager 1 spacecraft was 25 billion km away in February, somewhere in the outer edge of the solar system. It's the farthest a human-made spacecraft has gone from the earth. The hope is that in the distant future, a human astronaut will be able to go where Voyager 1 has been – a journey that could take several years of spaceflight.

An important factor that determines an astronaut's well-being on such journeys is thermoregulation: their body's capacity to maintain a stable internal temperature. In the unique microgravity environment of space, this process faces significant challenges.

Now, researchers at the Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology (IIST), Thiruvananthapuram, have published a study reporting that "microgravity consistently increases core body temperature, with fluid shifts playing a crucial role in thermal balance," in the words of Shine S.R., a professor of aerospace engineering at IIST and an author of the study.

Human bodies respond differently to temperature changes based on age, fitness level, and body fat, among other parameters. In environments with near-zero gravity like earth orbit, the human body changes significantly, affecting bones, muscles, the heart, the immune system, metabolism, even individual cells.

On the trail of body heat

In the microgravity of space, thermoregulation faces significant challenges

Exiting station: An astronaut taking part in a spacewalk. NASA

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3 Microgravity environments affect the human body's bones, muscles, the heart, the immune system, metabolism, even individual cells

4 Some of the resulting complications can be severe, so space agencies and astronauts continuously monitor a spacefarer's body temperature

5 The model simulates "the effects of microgravity on thermoregulation, including blood redistribution, reduced blood volume, changes in metabolism, and alterations in bone and muscle mass"

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Scientists using a computer model to evaluate the body's ability to regulate temperature in specific conditions must also account for "physiological changes observed in space, including blood shifts, metabolic variations, muscle atrophy, and environmental influences".

Mr. Shine said his team has developed a 3D computational model of human thermoregulation that "incorporates these changes to simulate the effects of microgravity on thermoregulation, including blood redistribution, reduced blood volume, changes in metabolism, and alterations in bone and muscle mass".

According to Chithramol M.K., PhD student at IIST and first author of the study, the team's studies were limited by sufficient as well as accessible data on metabolic changes. In situations where data was unavailable, she said they tested how different factors changed their results and used their "best judgment and standard engineering practices" to assess their impact.

The model uses mathematical equations to track how heat moves through the body in three dimensions, and accounts for mechanisms like sweating and shivering, the impact of clothing, heat generated by vital organs, and other factors that have a say on how a body regulates its temperature.

Each factor is modeled separately and then combined to understand the overall impact of microgravity on thermoregulation.

The team published its findings with the model in *Life Sciences in Space Research* on March 29.

"Our findings reveal that the redistribution of blood from the lower limbs to the upper body in microgravity environments significantly impacts the body's temperature distribution," Mr. Shine and Ms. Chithramol said.

Specifically, the researchers reported that while the feet and hands become cooler as the body spends more time in microgravity, the head, abdomen, and the core get warmer.

The model also indicated that when astronauts exercise in space, their body temperature rises faster than it does on the earth.

Over 2.5 months in microgravity, considering 30% lower sweating and 36% higher metabolism, the core body temperature may increase to around 37.8 C from 36.3 C before flight. If one were exercising in the same conditions, the temperature would be closer to 40 C.

The researchers were able to confirm their model was able to predict real outcomes by using it to simulate astronauts' body temperature onboard the USSR's and Russia's erstwhile Mir space station and onboard the International Space Station, then compared its output to official reports. They matched.

As thermoregulation models indicate how a person responds to temperature changes, they are also used in many everyday situations. For example, clothiers use such models to fine-tune how their products keep people warm or cool. Architects use such models to design buildings to lower heat stress of their occupants. In medicine, especially during heart surgeries, thermoregulation models predict how a patient's body temperature changes, helping both doctors and patients avoid complications.

According to the IIST team, these models calculate the universal thermal climate index – a number that indicates how hot or cold it feels outside by considering factors like wind, humidity, and sunlight.

Mr. Shine said, "These models are valuable tools for enhancing safety, comfort, and performance in diverse real-world scenarios" in addition to astronaut health and safety in microgravity environments.

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'Development' at the cost of Nicobar Islands

SPEAKING OF SCIENCE

D. Balasubramanian

The famous tree crusader and tree lover Shri 'Vanajeevi' Ramaiah who passed away last month was a firm believer that trees are vital for our lives. This Padma Shri awardee planted over one crore saplings across Telangana, thus making us live in unison with nature. But the current dispute between the Telangana State government and the University of Hyderabad about the area of Kancha Gachibowli would have disappointed Ramaiah. While the University wants the land as a green forested area, as a reservoir for 700 varieties of plant species, 200 varieties of birds, and 10-20 different mammals to be preserved as nature's gift, the State government wants this area for technology parks and related purposes. The 'fight' has reached the Supreme Court, and we await its decision.

Unfortunately, several other States across India face the same predicament, with land being used for hi-tech cities, pharmaceutical zones, highways, fast trains, and airports. While all these are needed for the public good, the question is: should these be at the cost of losing greenery, flowery plants, and tribal people who subsist on these? Will this not be a betrayal of what Vanajeevi Ramaiah stood for?

We use the term 'betrayal' drawing from the perspective of Professor Pankaj Sekhsaria, who has over three decades of experience on the Nicobar Islands, examining environmental and wildlife conservation alongside the intricate connections between society, environment, science, and technology.

He has curated a book called *The Great Nicobar Betrayal*, chronicling how the Central government has proposed to use the Nicobar Islands for several purposes: a trans-shipment facility at the Galathea Bay for access across the sea, building an international airport, and a power plant for electricity. In addition, a greenfield township is planned for increasing the population from the current 8,000 natives to about 3.5 lakh, by inviting people from mainland India to come and stay as citizens for these projects and to visit for holidays.

The Centre's plans in the Nicobar Islands, especially land taken over for deforestation, will affect the native Shompen tribe. PUBLIC DOMAIN

The book has raised several important issues concerning the ecological splendour, with over 2,000 species of fauna and 811 species of flora in the islands, plus the future of the native people. All of these will be affected by the 'development' planned by the Central government. Furthermore, as the land is taken over for deforestation, the fate of the native Nicobarese tribe, particularly the vulnerable tribal group Shompen (see picture), which needs forests for livelihood, will be affected. Also, the giant leatherback turtles, found every season in the seacoast, will be in danger when the seacoast is taken over for development. The Ministry of Tribal Affairs is yet to answer this query.

But, in January 2023, a group of former civil servants had written to the President of India, pointing out how the Indian government is out to destroy the pristine habitat, which is home to various rare and endemic species. They further pointed out how the government will 'compensate' this loss by planting forests in Haryana, 2,600 km away from Nicobar.

India has, among the 200 countries across the globe, signed the Convention for Biological Diversity, which will 'reduce to near zero the loss of areas of high biodiversity importance, including ecosystems of high ecological integrity'. And, as the ex-civil servants have requested, the President and the Government of India should immediately stop the commencement of destructive projects in Great Nicobar.

For interested readers, the book *The Great Nicobar Betrayal* is available from Amazon and *The Hindu* Bookstore: https://publications.thehindugroup.com/bookstore

SNAPSHOTS

Shi's Star Catalogue in China world's oldest, says study

The Shi's Star Catalogue is China's oldest star catalogue. Researchers analysed 118 stars to reveal two distinct observational periods in its pages: around 355 BC and 125 AD. Their findings suggest the Catalogue's original observations date to the 'Warring States' period in China's history and that updates were added during the Eastern Han dynasty, possibly in the time of the philosopher and statesman Zhang Heng. Thus, the study confirmed that Shi's Star Catalogue is the world's earliest known star catalogue.

Submarine canyons move microplastics to deep sea

A study in *ACS Environmental Science & Technology* has reported the first direct evidence of turbidity currents, a.k.a. submarine avalanches, in underwater canyons transporting microplastics *en masse* into the deep sea. Researchers used hydrodynamic monitoring and sediment sampling in the Whittard Canyon off Ireland to find that even canyons not fed by rivers could transport pollutants to depths of more than 3 km. The same currents also move nutrients and nurture deep-sea biodiversity.

Use of cannabis linked to higher colon cancer mortality

Using data from the University of California Health system, a researcher has reported that patients with preexisting cannabis use disorder had a 55% higher five-year mortality rate compared to those without (5.05%). Likewise, patients diagnosed with the disorder prior to cancer diagnosis were 24.4-times more likely to die within five years of diagnosis. The association was found to persist even after adjusting for demographics and disease severity.

Question Corner

Fishing limit

What is the total allowable catch?

The total allowable catch (TAC) is a limit on the total quantity of fish that fishers can catch in a particular area. It's usual for agencies and governments worldwide that have jurisdiction over fisheries or fish stock in seas, oceans, lakes, etc. to impose a TAC to prevent fishers from catching and removing too many fish from the water body.

TACs are important so that the fish population in a water body can maintain a minimum size every year that allows it to sustain itself. Without a TAC, overfishing can remove too many fish, leaving behind too few for the population to sustain itself.

Another TAC was recently in the news in an escalating dispute involving the U.S. and Russia. Last month, a U.S. judge blocked the import of Patagonia toothfish caught in the South Atlantic Ocean. Since 2021, Russia has refused to admit a TAC for this species in this area set by the Commission on the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources. The rejection forced all other countries on the Commission to set their own limits.

Readers may send their questions / answers to questioncorner@thehindu.co.in

Do public R&D units innovate enough?

What does a recent report highlight about research in India? What are some of the recommendations?

Jacob Koshy

The story so far:

The office of the Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India, Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and the Centre for Technology, Innovation, and Economic Research have released a detailed assessment of public-funded research and development in India. In all, 244 R&D organisations, affiliated to various ministries, participated in the study, 'Evaluation of Innovation Excellence Indicators of Public Funded R&D Organizations'. However, scientific institutions such as those belonging to defence research, space, and atomic energy research, which make up the dominant share of India's overall R&D spend, were excluded from the study, due to the "sensitive nature" of their work. Academic institutions and universities also weren't part of the study.

What was the purpose of this study?

The survey was administered via an online questionnaire and was designed to capture the contributions of public-funded R&D organisations in areas critical to India's growth. The key question that the authors of the report sought to answer was whether these labs were largely engaged in curiosity-driven academic science, or geared towards developing products and new innovations that aligned with the demands of industry. The authors sought to "capture and evaluate" innovation indicators of public-funded R&D labs/institutes.

A significant finding is that only about 25% of the labs surveyed gives incubation support to startups and only 16% provide support to 'deep tech' startups

"The analysis and recommendations in this report were meant to guide the public-funded R&D labs/institutes to increase their contributions meaningfully towards a number of Sustainable Development Goals and national priorities through their research capabilities, to help the nation navigate various challenges on the socio-economic front, from health challenges to ensuring a more diverse scientific base through opportunities for women scientists, and finally to contribute to skilling and creating meaningful employment by working alongside industry and startups," the study noted.

How was it conducted?

These big-picture questions were broken down into 62 parameters. These included questions on the labs' annual spend on R&D, number of young scientists, patents filed, technologies developed, participation of women scientists and their contribution to 'national missions' such as the 'Deep Ocean Mission,' 'National Quantum Mission' etc. Labs/institutes self-selected themselves as 'Basic, Applied or Services' or as 'hybrid' – a lab/institute whose research straddles more than one of the three research categories of basic, applied and services. All the data submitted by the labs/institutes were accompanied with the director's sign-off indicating that the submitted data was authentic and valid.

What were the key findings?

A significant finding was that only about 25% of the labs surveyed gave incubation support to startups and only 16% provided support to 'deep tech' startups. Only 15% collaborated with industry overseas and only half of them opened their facilities to researchers and students from outside. About half the labs/institutes contributed to national policies and developing technologies targeting the 'Make in India' initiative. The Skill India Mission was being targeted by around 35% of the organisations while around 30% of the organisations said they were targeting the Swachh Bharat Mission. A large number of labs/institutes reported a decrease in the number of permanent staff in 2022-23 compared to the previous year and an increased reliance – from 17,234 to 19,625 – on contractual staff. The median share of young researchers increased in 2022-23 to around 58% from 54% in the previous year. The combined budget of 155 labs/institutes increased from ₹9,924 crore in 2017-18 to ₹13,162 crore in 2022-23. The total number of scientific staff and the share of women scientists within scientific staff remained stagnant across 2021-2023.

Does the report make recommendations?

As part of its recommendations, the report advocates that every lab should be "mandated to review their existing mandates" and align themselves to 'Viksit Bharat.' The mandate is to focus on "critical technologies" as directed by the government, and that public-funded R&D organisations must adopt this strategy on a "war footing". They should work closely with industry, as well as each other. The report recommends setting up of Section 8 companies (non profit organisations registered under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs) to provide support to startups, opening research and testing facilities and, improving cross-linkages with higher educational institutes.

What are the key objectives of caste count?

Why is the BJP government's decision a surprise? What are the challenges the exercise will throw up? What are the complexities? What will it mean for the reservation ceiling? Which are the States that have already conducted a caste enumeration?

Priscilla Jebaraj

The story so far:

The Union Cabinet has decided that the next Census will include questions on caste to its enumeration of India's population, for the first time in almost a century. The decision, a reversal of the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) stance so far, comes ahead of the crucial Bihar elections, and throws up myriad challenges.

Have Indians been counted by caste before?

When the British first started counting India's population in 1881, caste data was included in the information gathered. For the next half-century, the decennial censuses collected caste information. The last time that data was published was from the 1931 census, which counted 4,147 castes and sub-castes across the country. Though the wartime 1941 census also collected data on individual castes, it was never released. After India gained Independence, the government decided to avoid the question of caste in the census, only counting Scheduled Castes and Tribes (SCs/STs).

In his report on the 1931 census, then-Census Commissioner J.H. Hutton dismissed the arguments of those who did not wish to collect caste and religion data on the grounds that they would perpetuate divisions, noting that "the census cannot, however, hide its head in the sand like the proverbial ostrich, but must record as accurately as possible facts as they exist." He struck down previous British attempts to list a hierarchy of castes, in accordance with their perceived ranks in society, instead choosing to use occupations as the basis of classification, though this did not account for the fluidity of caste identities and the variations in caste names across time and geographies. The 1931 census data was also the basis for reservation efforts half a century later; its finding that 52% of the country's population belonged to castes later grouped under the Other Backward Class (OBC) category became the basis of the Mandal Commission's recommendation for a 27% quota for OBCs in education and government jobs.

No dates have been notified for the next Census, which will include the caste count

In 2011, the Union Ministry of Rural Development kicked off a different kind of caste-counting exercise as part of its Socio-Economic and Caste Census (SECC). The data collected was meant to be used for research and policy making and to effectively design and implement development and welfare schemes. Though parts of the data were published in 2016, the raw data on specific caste populations was not included. As the SECC left its questions on caste open-ended rather than making them choose their caste from a set list, respondents often entered their surnames, meaning that the SECC enumerators counted more than 46 lakh different castes.

Counting more: Bihar Congress president celebrates with supporters the decision to include caste in the upcoming Census, in Patna, on May 1. PTI

Have individual States counted castes?

At least three States have conducted caste censuses. Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar led the effort to survey the State's caste break-up in 2023, finding that OBCs and Extremely Backward Classes (EBCs) accounted for more than 63% of the State's population, stirring the political pot with demands for higher representation for these castes in politics, education, and employment. The Congress rode to power in Telangana in 2023, partly on the basis of its promise to conduct a caste survey, which was published in 2024 and showed that backward classes make up more than 56% of the State's population. Karnataka's caste survey was also commissioned by a Congress government, in Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's first term in 2015. The results, however, were published only a decade later, and showed that the State's OBC population stood at almost 70%.

What will this data be used for?

Apart from its use in academic research and policy making, the key import of caste data from a public and political viewpoint is what changes it will drive in affirmative action or reservation policies. The 27% OBC quota for education and government jobs was set on the basis of a projection from the 1931 census; a new caste count could well upend those estimates.

In Karnataka, for instance, where the caste survey found that the OBC population is significantly higher than estimated, there have been demands to increase their quota in the State from 32% to 51%. The clamour for more reservation, backed by caste population data, is also likely to lead to a challenge of the Supreme Court-mandated 50% cap on reservation.

What is the context for this decision?

The BJP-led government's decision came as a surprise given that the demand for a caste census has been a major plank of the Opposition's poll campaigns. The BJP has long resisted the demand, accusing the Congress of using caste to divide Indians. Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai even responded to questions in Parliament insisting that there were no plans to include caste in the next Census, terming it a "matter of policy".

The Bihar caste survey, however, set off a political tinderbox that carried over into the 2024 general election campaign. The Opposition, in its campaign for social justice also stoked fears among sections of voters that the BJP was seeking a large majority in order to be able to remove reservations and amend the Constitution, which led to lower vote counts for the BJP in many constituencies.

The decision to conduct a caste count "steals the thunder" from the Opposition's campaign just ahead of the Bihar Assembly elections, where it is sure to become a poll issue. The BJP is seeking to reframe the narrative, claiming that the Congress is all talk and no action, as it had never conducted a caste census at the national level while in power at the Centre. Though the Opposition is seeking to claim credit for pressuring the government into taking this decision, it is also pivoting to the logical next step, of demanding that reservations be hiked in response to the caste census findings, seeking to breach the Supreme Court's 50% cap.

What is the timeline for implementation?

The catch in the Centre's announcement is that no dates have yet been notified for the next Census. The last Census was held in 2011, with the 2021 Census being delayed indefinitely, initially due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The addition of a caste component involves more work for Census officials.

The next step will be to draft a code directory of castes to be used in the Census. Unlike the SECC, which had an open-ended query on the respondent's caste, the Census is likely to provide a drop-down list of castes for respondents to choose from. How castes will be listed is a thorny political question, given that the Centre and States have differing, and often contentious OBC lists. Linguistic and regional diversity in caste names, splitting of castes into sub-castes over time, and disagreements on whether specific castes fit into SC, OBC, or general categories, are likely to complicate the process. Religion adds another factor into the mix, with questions about how non-Hindu groups will be recognised and whether they will get benefits on the basis of the caste census.

Are vaccine-preventable diseases rising?

What has WHO, UNICEF and Gavi warned? Why are vaccination schedules being missed? Why is there a threat to immunisation efforts? What are world leaders being advised to do? What happened during the pandemic? What is the status in India?

Bindu Shajan Perappadan

The story so far:

Diseases that can be prevented through vaccination, such as measles, meningitis, and yellow fever, are re-emerging, world health leaders have warned, because millions of children are missing vaccinations due to funding cuts and disruption in immunisation programmes. The World Health Organization (WHO), UNICEF and Gavi have issued a joint warning stating that immunisation efforts are also being threatened by widespread misinformation, population growth and humanitarian crises. They urged leaders around the world to strengthen vaccination programmes and give the issue their "urgent and sustained political attention."

What set alarm bells ringing?

A recent WHO rapid stock take with 108 of its country offices mostly in low- and lower-middle-income countries showed that nearly half of those countries are facing moderate to severe disruptions in vaccination campaigns, routine immunisation, and access to supplies due to reduced donor funding. Disease surveillance, including for vaccine-preventable diseases, has also been impacted in more than half the countries surveyed.

Vaccines help protect from diseases like measles, polio, tuberculosis, and more recently, COVID-19

At the same time, the number of children missing routine vaccinations has been increasing, even as countries try to catch up with vaccinations for children to make up for the lost pandemic years. In 2023, an estimated 14.5 million children missed all their routine vaccine doses – up from 13.9 million in 2022 and 12.9 million in 2019. Over half of these children live in countries facing conflict, fragility, or instability, where access to basic health services is often disrupted. Even in the U.S., there is a measles outbreak. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has confirmed that as of May 1, the measles case count is 935, more than triple the number seen in 2024. It had been considered eliminated from the U.S. since 2000.

WHO director-general Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said funding cuts to global health have put hard-won gains in jeopardy. "Outbreaks of vaccine-preventable diseases are increasing around the world, putting lives at risk and exposing countries to increased costs in treating diseases and responding to outbreaks. Countries with limited resources must invest in the highest-impact interventions – and that includes vaccines," he said. "The global funding crisis is severely limiting our ability to vaccinate over 15 million vulnerable children in fragile and conflict-affected countries against measles," said UNICEF executive director Catherine Russell in the joint statement.

Continued investment in the 'Big Catch-Up initiative', launched in 2023 to reach children who missed vaccines during the COVID-19 pandemic, and other routine immunisation programmes will be critical, she noted.

A secure future: Pulse polio drops being administered to a child in Palakkad as part of the vaccination programme in Kerala in 2024. K. K. MUSTAFAH

Why is vaccination important?

WHO states that immunisation is a 'best buy' in health with a return on investment of $54 for every dollar invested and provides a foundation for future prosperity and health security. Over the last 50 years, essential vaccines have saved at least 154 million lives. That's six lives a minute, every day, for five decades, noted WHO. During this time, vaccination also accounts for 40% of the improvement in infant survival, and more children now live to see their first birthday and beyond than at any other time in human history. The measles vaccine alone accounts for 60% of those lives saved. While the world has eradicated smallpox and almost eradicated polio through vaccination, annually vaccines save nearly 4.2 million lives against 14 diseases.

India has also reaped the benefits of immunisation and improved health care, with senior health ministry officials stating that immunisation is one of the most effective and cost-efficient interventions for controlling and eradicating diseases.

According to a health ministry official, the Universal Immunization Programme (UIP) is one of India's most comprehensive public health initiatives, aiming to provide life-saving vaccines to millions of newborns and pregnant women each year. Vaccines help protect individuals from diseases like measles, polio, tuberculosis, and more recently COVID-19. By reducing the incidence of infectious diseases, immunisation also builds herd immunity. According to UNICEF, in India every year, nearly 26 million newborns and 34 million pregnant women are targeted for immunisation, and over 13 million immunisation sessions are held nationwide to vaccinate children and pregnant women.

"Over the last two decades, India has significantly improved health outcomes, particularly child health and immunisation. The country was certified polio-free in 2014 and eliminated maternal and neonatal tetanus in 2015. New vaccines, including the Measles-Rubella, Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV) and Rotavirus Vaccine (RVV), have been introduced and expanded nationwide," it notes. According to the National Family Health Survey-5, 2019-21, the country's full immunisation coverage stands at 76.1%, which means that one child out of every four is missing out on essential vaccines.

What is the way forward?

The WHO, UNICEF and Gavi urgently call for parents, the public, and politicians to strengthen support for immunisation. The agencies emphasise the need for sustained investment in vaccines and immunisation programmes and urge countries to honour their commitments to the Immunisation Agenda 2030. Gavi's pledging summit on June 25, 2025 seeks to raise at least $9 billion from donors to fund an ambitious strategy to protect 500 million children, saving at least eight million lives from 2026 to 2030.

PROFILES

Marxism, market and nationalism

Communist Party of Vietnam

The ruling party, which recently commemorated the 50th anniversary of the reunification of the country after the withdrawal of U.S. forces, draws legitimacy from both its historical role in liberation and ending occupation, and its continuing role as an economic moderniser

Srinivasan Ramani

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Vietnam recently celebrated the 50th anniversary of its triumph against the United States and its success in re-unifying the country in April 1975. This victory marked the apogee of a long phase of revolutionary wars and struggles led by the Communist Party of Vietnam (CPV) and its different avatars against colonialism, French re-occupation, and later the U.S. intervention from 1925.

It was precisely in 1925 that the tallest leader of the CPV, Ho Chi Minh – then known as Nguyen Ai Quoc – established the Vietnamese Revolutionary Youth League or the Thanh Nien in Guangzhou, China, that aimed for national independence and a socialist government; these were the first organisational steps taken to form the Communist Party.

A 100 years later, today, the CPV governs Vietnam as a single party political system that is characterised by a strong market-based economy where, as its general secretary To Lam said in his speech at a massive parade commemorating the 50th anniversary of the reunification last week, the private sector remained the "most important driver of the national economy".

The Vietnamese experience of blending market reforms and communist leadership – it still terms this model "socialist-oriented developmentalism" – was a consequence of its experience during the decade that followed the end of the Vietnam War.

Till 1986, the CPV practised orthodox socialist policies, which included a centrally planned economy, nationalisation of industries (including those in the conquered South), collectivisation of agriculture into cooperatives, implementation of five-year plans focused on production targets and resource allocation, and an emphasis on heavy industry.

The devastation of its economy due to the war, the continued U.S.-led embargo, the Vietnamese invasion of neighbouring Cambodia – a consequence of the depredations of the Khmer Rouge regime – and the Chinese invasion of Vietnam in the late 1970s all resulted in the economy remaining in doldrums. This situation was exacerbated by the inefficiencies of the planned model – the low productivity after collectivisation, the shortages of food and goods, and high inflation.

Economic transformation

This ultimately forced the hand of the CPV to undertake economic reforms, what it termed 'Doi Moi' or Renovation, featuring de-collectivisation of agriculture, price liberalisation, and allowing small-scale private enterprise in the first phase, followed by macroeconomic stabilisation, allowing foreign investment, international integration (including joining ASEAN), and state-owned enterprise (SOE) reform in Phase 2. By the late-1990s, the CPV promoted trade agreements, entry into the WTO, developed institutions to facilitate a functioning market economy, allowed the private sector to lead economic growth, and deepened SOE reforms which included "equitisation" or "partial privatisation".

These steps were consequential. In the late 1980s and early 1990s, Vietnam's poverty rate was close to 60%, its per capita GDP roughly $430, and its Human Development Index (HDI) value 0.492, all of which corresponded to a poor country with low human development. In 2023, Vietnam's GDP per capita was $4,347; the multidimensional poverty rate fell to just 1.9% by late 2024, and the HDI in 2022 was recorded to be 0.726, placing it in the "high human development" category and as a middle-income country.

Speaking to this writer in Ho Chi Minh City recently, Tuoc Huynh, a digital commerce expert who helped the entry of Google, and led Facebook in Vietnam, said how the reforms led to an "Ice hockey stick" nature of the growth curve in the country. Mr. Tuoc was himself born into a family of Vietnamese immigrants to the U.S. and returned to the country to be part of the economic growth process.

But the rapid economic growth has not meant that it has been entirely inequitable – Vietnam's Gini coefficient (which measures inequality on a scale of 0 to 100) is 36, one of the lowest in Southeast Asia.

The transition of the country's communist party leadership since 1986 also provides an indication of the economic and political trends. The relatively doctrinaire Le Duan led the party during the war after the demise of Ho Chi Minh in 1969 and till 1986, before Truong Chinh took over and supported the reformist wing in the party that laid the stepping stones for Doi Moi. Nguyen Van Linh, a leader from the South associated with reform and pragmatism, took over in December 1986, decisively leading the shift towards a market economy.

The era of reformism ushered in by Nguyen Van Linh has generally been the norm in the CPV since, but Nguyen Phu Trong's regime between 2011 and 2024 also featured a sweeping anti-corruption programme (called the "blazing furnace") against senior party leaders and government officials.

To Lam, who succeeded him in 2024, was closely associated with the anti-corruption drive in the Ministry of Public Security but as his speech emphasised, he is also firmly committed to the Doi Moi path and towards Vietnam's quest of becoming an upper-middle income country by 2030.

Being a single party-state, Vietnam has also tightly restricted political freedoms related to association and civil liberties. This makes it imperative for the CPV to link its legitimacy as the ruling party to the outcomes of its economic policies and to the perception of its leadership.

Collective leadership

The CPV is distinguished from other peers – the Communist Party of China is today dominated by Xi Jinping – by its adherence to collective leadership and decision making driven by consensus and the distinct lack of any personality cult. The parade on April 30 showcased the different wings of the armed forces, party, and government of Vietnam; only the visage of Ho Chi Minh was ever-present among images of leaders.

It is not surprising why – Ho Chi Minh was inextricably linked to the vicissitudes of the communist movement in the country. He was a nationalist who sought independence from colonialism while being a socialist. He believed Marxism-Leninism offered the surest steps for the anti-colonial struggle and to build an egalitarian nation. He also played a key role in setting up the Indochinese Communist Party (ICP) across Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia.

The communists of the ICP dominated the Viet Minh that led and won the anti-colonial struggle against the French, and after the ICP's dissolution into constituent parties across the three countries, they formed the Workers Party of Vietnam (WPV), which ruled North Vietnam [before the reunification]. The WPV's southern wing was the Peoples' Revolutionary Party of South Vietnam, which led the National Liberation Front of South Vietnam, more popularly known as the Viet Cong, which orchestrated the struggle against the South Vietnam regime and the U.S. forces in the war. Even after nearly 40 years of reform in a world where the socialist bloc no longer exists, Vietnam continues to pay tribute to Ho Chi Minh as its ideological fountainhead, mainly due to his foundational role in combining Marxism-Leninism and Vietnamese nationalism.

THE GIST

- In the second half of the 1980s, the Communist Party ushered in economic reforms ('Doi Moi'), featuring de-collectivisation of agriculture, price liberalisation, and allowing small-scale private enterprise in the first phase
- By the late-1990s, the CPV promoted trade agreements, entry into the WTO, developed institutions to facilitate a functioning market economy and allowed the private sector to lead economic growth
- These steps were consequential. In 2023, Vietnam's GDP per capita was $4,347, up from $430 in the late 1980s; the multidimensional poverty rate fell to just 1.9% and the HDI in 2022 was recorded to be 0.726, placing it in the "high human development" category

Between Israel and Islamists

The Druze

The small minority sect in Syria is caught between hostile Islamists who see them as heretics and an aggressive Israel, which is bombing Syria in the name of protecting them

Stanly Johny

PHOTO: AFP

Clashes first broke out in the southern outskirts of Damascus, Syria's capital, after an audio clip emerged on social media of a man criticising Prophet Mohammed. The audio was attributed to a Druze cleric (who later denied any role). Angry Sunni Islamists, aligned with the current government in Syria, started attacking Druze community members and armed Druze fighters fought back. Violence spread across Jaramana and Sahnaya near Damascus, and to Sweida, in southern Syria, the heartland of the Druze.

When Bashar al-Assad's regime fell in December, and the Islamist Hayat Tahrir al-Sham established its rule in Damascus, the Druze, like other minority communities in the country, called for their religious and political rights to be protected. Syria's new rulers promised that minority rights will be respected. But those assurances did little in preventing the outbreak of sectarian clashes. As violence spread, Israel carried out multiple air strikes against pro-government groups in Syria "to protect the Druze".

The Druze religion emerged out of Ismailism, which is an off-shoot of Shia Islam, in 11th century Egypt. But the Druze, a closely knit community for whom Arabic language and culture make the core of their identity, are not considered as Muslims. They recognise the major Abrahamic prophets, from Adam to Jesus and Mohammed, but also believe in reincarnation. The Koran is a sacred book, but the religious text for the Druze is Kitab Al Hikma (The Book Of Wisdom), which is a collection of books. The name Druze comes from one of the early preachers of Druze theology – Muhammad bin Ismail Nashtakin ad-Darazi.

Faith in reincarnation

The roots of Druze theology can be traced back to al-Hakim bi-Amr Allah, the 11th century Fatimid Caliph, who ruled from Cairo. A section of al-Hakim's followers, including ad-Darazi, split away from Shia Ismailism, and started referring to al-Hakim as "a manifestation of God in His unity". Hamza ibn Ali ibn Ahmad, who is considered the founder of the Druze sect, and the primary author of the Druze scriptures, proclaimed that God reincarnated as man in al-Hakim. The Caliph, who mysteriously disappeared in February 1021, is a central figure in Druze beliefs. He is addressed as "Our Lord" in Druze prayers.

The Druze do not allow conversion, and marriages outside the community are rare. But over the years, the tenets of the Druze were shaped by the influence of other eastern religions – from Abrahamic Prophet to the idea of reincarnation and rebirth derived from Hinduism – as well as Greek philosophy. After the cycle of reincarnations, the Druze believe, the soul reunites with '*al-aaqal al kulli*', the Cosmic Mind (or God's Will).

Hardcore Islamists see them as heretics, and the community has survived persecution during the late medieval era. But over the years, they have also emerged as an influential sect in the Levant region.

Today, roughly 1 million Druze people are scattered across Syria, Lebanon, Jordan and Israel. In Syria, the Druze are concentrated in the southern suburbs of Damascus, the southern Sweida province and in the Golan Heights. When Israel captured most of the Golan Heights in 1967 and annexed it in 1981, the Druze community in the occupied region continued to live in their villages. Today, about 25,000 Druze are living in Golan – roughly 25% of them are estimated to be Israeli citizens. In total, there are about 1,50,000 Druze living in Israel.

During Syria's civil war, Israel had reportedly helped the Druze groups in Syria's south. After Islamists captured power in Syria, Israel has been more vocal about the protection of the Druze. Israel has also grabbed more Syrian territory in the Golan. By carrying out airstrikes in central Syria, Israel, whose ongoing war on Gaza has killed over 50,000 Palestinians – most of them women and children – are trying to position themselves as a protector of the Druze in the clashes-hit Syria.

For the Druze, the choice is between domestic Islamists and a foreign force that occupies parts of Syria. For now, they seem to lean towards the latter.

The monk who defied the mob

Chinmoy Krishna Das

The former ISKCON leader, who held rallies demanding protection for Bangladesh's religious minorities, has been in jail since October 2024

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The case against Chinmoy Krishna Das goes back to October when, against the backdrop of attacks against growing mob violence, which often targeted minority religious communities in Bangladesh, he provided leadership and direction to the Bangladesh Sammilito Sanatani Jagaran Jote, an umbrella organisation of the Hindu community in the country.

A case against Mr. Das was lodged on October 31, days after three separate rallies were convened under his leadership in different parts of the country, where the national flag was reportedly disrespected.

Mr. Das was arrested in dramatic circumstances on October 25 from Dhaka's Shah Jalal International Airport, and the next day, while he was produced in a court in Chittagong, violent clashes broke out between hundreds of political activists and the police that left a young lawyer dead.

Ever since, the allegations against Mr. Das have compounded as he was also accused of encouraging the clashes on the court premises.

Mr. Das first shot to the limelight with his fiery speeches demanding protection for the Hindu community in Bangladesh in the aftermath of the fall of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's regime on August 5, 2024.

Bangladesh has an old history of anti-minority violence, dating back to its days as East Pakistan, which found its worst manifestation in the Operation Searchlight of March 25, 1971, when the Pakistan military began killing Hindus and progressives in Dhaka and other parts.

The Hindus and Buddhists of East Pakistan had begun mobilising themselves in the 1960s, when Gen. Ayub Khan was in power, leading to the formation of the Bangladesh Hindu Bouddho Oikyo Samiti (BHBOS). The BHBOS survived the 1971 crackdown by the Pakistan military and emerged as a political force in the 1980s when it participated in the pro-democracy protests that eventually overthrew the military regime of Hossein Mohammed Ershad.

But in the subsequent years, the BHBOS faced criticisms for alleged inaction when violence against the minority communities flared up, from time to time. One such incident took place during the Durga puja season of 2022, when a number of puja pandals were violated in Comilla, Brahmanbaria, Chittagong and Rangpur.

Chinmoy Krishna Das was at this time the leader of ISKCON [International Society for Krishna Consciousness] in Bangladesh. He emerged as a strong voice that supported the mobilisation of the minority community. Mr. Das, whose real name is Chandan Kumar Dhar, has overshadowed the older community leaders such as Rana Dasgupta and Manindra Kumar Nath.

Rise of Islamists

Though in jail since October 2024, he remains a crucial figure in the post-Hasina Bangladesh where there is a spike in the activities of the fundamentalist Islamist movements. On Saturday, Hezat-e-Islam held a major meeting in Dhaka's Suhrawardy grounds as a show of strength even as the interim government continues to argue that the bulk of the attacks that targeted the Hindu community members in August-September 2024 were "politically motivated" and not communal in nature.

An appellate court in Dhaka will take up the case of Mr. Das on Sunday.

The High Court in Bangladesh granted Mr. Das bail on April 30 in the case of sedition and his advocate Apurba Kumar Bhattacharjee expressed hope that his client would be released within a week. But The Supreme Court stayed the High Court decision immediately and fixed Sunday for further hearing. One factor that has worked in favour of Mr. Das is that, despite the promise of an investigation into the activities of Mr. Das and the rallies and the violence of October 26, 2024, the interim government has not carried out any probe so far. Mr. Das had earlier applied for bail in the High Court after a lower court rejected his plea on January 2.

The decision on the Vaishnav monk will be keenly watched in the region as he has emerged as an important figure in the political terrain of Bangladesh that is getting ready for election later this year.

SHANGHAI

China 'warns off' Japanese aircraft near island chain disputed by both

REUTERS

China's coast guard said it had taken "necessary measures" to warn a Japanese civilian aircraft that was flying near a disputed island chain in the East China Sea on Saturday. Helicopters were deployed to "warn off" the aircraft just before midday near the islands, which Tokyo calls the Senkaku and Beijing calls the Diaoyu. REUTERS

SINGAPORE

Singapore ruling party registers resounding win in general polls

AP

Singapore's ruling party has notched a resounding win in general elections, giving Prime Minister Lawrence Wong the clear mandate he sought from voters. Mr. Wong's long-ruling People's Action Party crossed the threshold of 49 seats to form a majority government in the wealthy city-state's 97-seat unicameral legislature. AFP

WASHINGTON

After joking about becoming Pope, Trump shares photo in the attire

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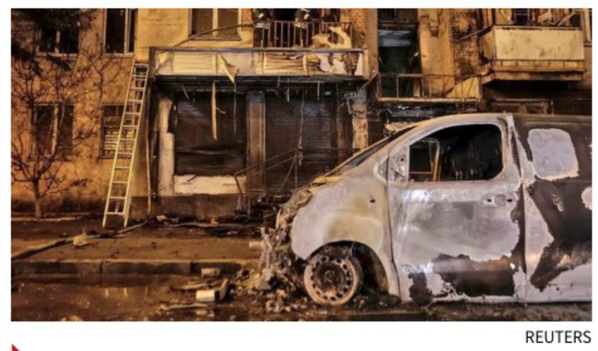
U.S. President Donald Trump posted a spoof picture of himself dressed as the Pope on Truth Social after joking that he would like to be the next Catholic pontiff. He had joked to reporters this week that he would like to be the next Pope, just days before cardinals are to start the conclave to elect Pope Francis's successor. AFP

KYIV

At least 47 wounded in Russian drone strike on Ukraine's Kharkiv



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A Russian drone strike on Kharkiv, Ukraine's second-largest city, wounded 47 people, officials said. Meanwhile, the mayor of the Russian port city of Novorossiisk declared a state of emergency on Saturday after a Ukrainian drone attack had damaged a grain terminal and several residential buildings, injuring five persons. AP

Ukraine up for full truce, not Putin's three-day ceasefire, says Zelenskyy

Ukraine President snubs Russian counterpart's offer as 'a theatrical performance'; he calls the meeting with U.S. President at Vatican the best one they ever had, says Trump agreed that 30-day ceasefire was the correct first step towards ending war

Agence France-Presse
Reuters
KYIV

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy dismissed a three-day truce ordered by Russian leader Vladimir Putin as theatrics but said Kyiv was ready for a full ceasefire.

Russia has so far rejected an unconditional 30-day ceasefire pushed by Kyiv and Washington, which is trying to broker an end to the three-year Russian invasion of Ukraine.

"This is more of a theatrical performance on his part. Because in two or three days, it is impossible to develop a plan for the next steps to end the war," Mr. Zelenskyy said.

Clever ploy: Russia's proposal is seen as an attempt to prevent strikes during its Second World War commemorations. REUTERS

Mr. Zelenskyy was speaking on Friday to a small group of journalists, in remarks embargoed until Saturday.

Mr. Zelenskyy said Ukraine would not be "playing games to create a pleasant atmosphere to allow for Putin's exit from isolation on 9 May," when some foreign leaders are due in Moscow for Russia's Second World War commemorations.

Russia's proposal has been seen in Ukraine as an attempt to prevent Kyiv from hitting Moscow on the holiday, during which there is a grand military parade on Red Square.

Meanwhile, in comments released by his presidential administration, Mr. Zelenskyy said he discussed air defence systems and sanctions on Russia with Donald Trump on the sidelines of Pope Francis' funeral at the Vatican, in what he called the best meeting the two had ever had.

Mr. Zelenskyy also said he and the U.S. President agreed that a 30-day ceasefire between Kyiv and Moscow was the correct first step towards ending the war in Ukraine.

He said he raised the topic of sanctions with Mr. Trump at the impromptu meeting last week, and that Trump's response on this question was "very strong". Mr. Zelenskyy did not give specifics.

Israel deploys troops in south Syria to 'help' Druze

Agence France-Presse
JERUSALEM

Israel's military said on Saturday its forces deployed in southern Syria were ready to protect the Druze minority, following recent sectarian clashes.

The Israeli Army "is deployed in southern Syria and is prepared to prevent the entry of hostile forces into the area of Druze villages", the military said in a statement, without specifying whether this was a new deployment or elaborating on the number of troops on the ground.

Israel's troop presence is "reportedly confined to Quneitra province" near the Israeli-annexed Golan Heights, an official said.

Three babies among 11 killed in Israel strike on Gaza refugee camp

Spreading sorrow: Palestinian women mourn their relatives killed in an Israeli Army strike in Khan Younis in Gaza Strip on Saturday. AP

Agence France-Presse
GAZA CITY

Gaza's civil defence agency said on Saturday that an overnight Israeli strike on the Khan Yunis refugee camp killed at least 11 persons, including three babies up to a year old.

Civil defence spokesman Mahmud Bassal reported 11 killed "after the bombardment of the Al-Bayram family home in the Khan Yunis camp" in southern Gaza at around 3:00 a.m. (0530 IST).

Mr. Bassal said eight of the dead had been identified and were all from the same extended family, including a boy and girl, both one-year-olds, and a month-old baby.

At the scene, rescue workers and residents searched through the rubble with their bare hands, illuminating the destruction with hand-held torches.

One rescuer carried the lifeless body of an infant from the wreckage.

On Friday the civil defence agency said Israeli strikes killed at least 42 people across the war-ravaged territory.

Iran 'has every right' to enrich uranium, says Araghchi

Agence France-Presse
TEHRAN

Iran defended on Saturday its "right" to enrich uranium despite growing Western concern that Tehran may be seeking nuclear weapons and as talks with the United States were delayed.

Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi said in a post on X that "Iran has every right to possess the full nuclear fuel cycle," citing Tehran's long-standing membership of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT).

"There are several NPT members which enrich uranium while wholly rejecting nuclear weapons," Mr. Araghchi said.

Under the NPT, signatory states are obliged to declare their nuclear stockpiles and place them under the supervision of the UN's nuclear watchdog, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).

The U.S. and other Western countries have long accused Iran of pursuing nuclear weapons – a claim Tehran denies, insisting that its atomic programme is solely for civilian purposes.

Abbas Araghchi

Iran and the U.S. have engaged in nuclear talks since April 12, their highest-level contact since Washington withdrew from a landmark deal with Tehran in 2018, during Donald Trump's first term as U.S. President.

Postponed talks

A fourth round of talks initially scheduled for Saturday has been postponed, mediator Oman said earlier this week, citing "logistical reasons".

In a Thursday interview with Fox News, U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio called on Iran to "walk away" from enrichment, saying that "the only countries in the world that enrich uranium are the ones that have nuclear weapons."

Iran currently enriches uranium to 60% purity – far above the 3.67% limit set in the 2015 deal with the U.S. and other world powers, but below the 90% needed for weapons-grade material.

On Monday French Foreign Minister Jean-Noel Barrot said Iran was "on the verge of acquiring nuclear weapons" and said UN sanctions could be reimposed if Tehran's actions threatened European security.

Iran rejected the comments from France – a signatory to the 2015 nuclear deal – as "simply absurd".

Mr. Araghchi has previously called Iran's right to enrich uranium "non-negotiable".

IAEA chief Rafael Grossi said on Wednesday that the enriched material "can be easily dissolved" or "shipped out" of Iran.

Last month, Iranian government spokeswoman Fatemeh Mohajerani described the transfer of enriched material as a "red line". Mr. Rubio said Iran should allow inspections of its nuclear facilities, including by U.S. experts.

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Islamists rally in Dhaka against changes to women's rights

Press Trust of India
DHAKA

Thousands of supporters of an influential Bangladeshi Islamist group on Saturday rallied here demanding abolition of a government instituted women related commission, saying its draft recommendations on women rights were contrary to Islamic faith.

Hefazat-e-Islam, a platform of mainly teachers and students of non-government or "kawmi" madrassa or religious seminaries and considered as an influential pressure group, staged the rally at Dhaka's Suhrawardy Udyan protesting the draft recommendations of the Women's Affairs Reform Commission instituted by the Muhammad Yunus' interim government.

They mainly denounced proposed recommendations for ensuring equal rights, including ones related to property, for mainly Muslim women in one of their biggest public shows of strength in years.

Misguided interests: The Hefazat-e-Islam staged a rally in Dhaka against draft recommendations of a women's panel. AP

Nayeb-e-Ameer or senior leader of the platform Maulana Mahfuzul Huq announced a 12-point charter of demands with first one being abolition of the existing women reform commission and constituting a new one comprising Islamic scholars and women representatives.

Another influential Hefazat leader Mamunul Haque demanded punishment for the women reform commission members as they hurt "the sentiments of the majority of the people of this country" by labelling the religious laws of inheritance as the main cause of inequality between men and women.

No scope for equality

"Men and women can never be equal," a women's madrassa teacher Mohammad Shihab Uddin told the rally adding that the Koran outlined specific codes of life for both genders and "there is no way we can go beyond that".

Bangladesh targeted 640 journalists in eight months: report

The Hindu Bureau
GUWAHATI

The attacks include criminal cases filed against 182 scribes and acts of violence against 206 others

The interim Bangladesh government headed by Muhammad Yunus has targeted 640 journalists in eight months to throttle media freedom, an Indian rights group said on Saturday.

The New Delhi-based Rights and Risks Analysis Group (RRAG) documented these cases in its report released to mark World Press Freedom Day 2025.

Systematic repression

The report said the Bangladeshi media had faced systematic and organised repression since the violent ouster of the Sheikh Hasina government in August 2024. This was evident from criminal cases filed against 182 journalists, acts of violence against 206 others, denial of accreditation to 167 more, and inquiries initiated against 85 senior journalists by the Bangladesh Financial Intelligence Unit, the anti-terror and anti-money laundering arm of the Bangladesh government.

The senior journalists are associated with 39 media houses.

"If these were not enough, journalists in Bangladesh have been sacked instantly on the whims and fancies of the leaders of the Anti-Discrimination Students' Movement (ADSM), who have emerged as the holy cows in Bangladesh," the RRAG report said.

The ADSM, led by Hasnat Abdullah, not only attacked *The Daily Star* and *Prothom Alo*, two independent dailies, but also trespassed into *Somoy TV* and forced the owners to sack five journalists, the report said.

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CONFIDENCE

I was clear Yash would bowl the final over, says Patidar

K. MURALI KUMAR

It was a tight game but credit to the batters. The way the bowlers showed courage was tremendous. He [Yash Dayal] is the main bowler, he is a death overs specialist... it was a clear-cut thought to give the last over to him. Last year also he did well. I had confidence in Suyash also — Rajat Patidar, RCB skipper.

MR. RELIABLE

Kohli is the first to breach 500-plus runs in eight IPL seasons

K. MURALI KUMAR

Royal Challengers Bengaluru's Virat Kohli — after his 33-ball 62 against Chennai Super Kings — became the first batter to cross 500-plus runs in eight Indian Premier League seasons. David Warner (seven), K.L. Rahul (six) and Shikhar Dhawan (five) are the others in the list of prolific run-getters.

KARTHIK'S TAKE

'Games like these lift the mood, we are happy with how it transpired'

K. MURALI KUMAR

It took a humongous effort to stop them [CSK] scoring 15 in the final over. Games like these lift the mood and we are happy with how it transpired today. Suyash's name might not be there in the wickets column but his work has helped Krunal Pandya pick wickets — Dinesh Karthik, RCB mentor and batting coach.

MISFIRED

Should've converted more shots and I take the blame: Dhoni

K. MURALI KUMAR

When I went in to bat, with the kind of deliveries and the runs needed, I felt I should've converted a couple of more shots to ease the pressure. I take the blame. They got off to a good start, and in between we pulled it back, but Romario Shepherd was brilliant — CSK skipper Dhoni after the loss to RCB.

Shepherd's stunning assault blasts RCB to the top

In a sensational display, the Guyanese all-rounder tears apart Khaleel and Pathirana in the final two overs; Mhatre and Jadeja lead a spirited riposte before Super Kings falter and lose by two runs

IPL-18

N. Sudarshan
BENGALURU

Royal Challengers Bengaluru emerged on the right side of a capricious Indian Premier League match as it pipped Chennai Super Kings by two runs at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium here on Saturday.

Chasing a Romario Shepherd-powered target of 214, CSK needed 15 off the last over with Ravindra Jadeja and M.S. Dhoni at the crease.

Dayal and the last over

However, Yash Dayal – also the hero in the same fixture last year – dismissed Dhoni and survived a monstrous six off a no-ball from Impact Player Shivam Dube to fashion a win for his side.

For significant periods, CSK had the chase under control. The teenaged talent of Ayush Mhatre blossomed (94, 48b, 9x4, 5x6), and the 17-year-old combined for an excellent 114-run stand (64 balls) for the third wicket with Jadeja (77 n.o., 45b, 8x4, 2x6).

But, with 43 needed from 24 balls, Lungi Ngidi dismissed Mhatre and Dewald Brevis off consecutive deliveries to bring RCB back in. Jadeja was dropped twice, including by the usually reliable Virat Kohli in the 19th over off Bhuvneshwar Kumar, but RCB held on and ensured that the absence of the injured Josh Hazlewood wouldn't prove costly.

Earlier, after losing yet another toss at home, the RCB innings went through a boom-bust-boom cycle. Jacob Bethell (55, 33b, 8x4, 2x6) and Kohli (62, 33b, 5x4, 5x6) put on 97 golden runs for the opening wicket.

Kohli's 62nd IPL fifty had his trademark flicks and drives while the promising Bethell, who replaced Phil Salt for a second straight game, brought up his maiden IPL fifty (55, 33b, 8x4, 2x6).

But left-arm wrist spinner Noor Ahmad (4-0-26-1) and Matheesha Pathirana (4-0-36-3) brought CSK back by limiting RCB to 159 for five after 18 overs.

When all hopes of a competitive score for RCB seemed to rest on Tim David's bludgeoning blade, welcomed as he was by a thunderous applause from the crowd, it was Shepherd who stole the show with a stunning 14-ball unbeaten 53 (4x4, 6x6).

The Guyanese plundered 32 runs off an already-expensive Khaleel Ahmed in the 19th over before smashing Pathirana for 20 in the last.

The 30-year-old did not middle every ball but swung the bat like an almighty axe, and it was his brute power that carried the ball long distances. By the looks of it, it might just have carried RCB into the playoffs too.

Raining runs: After Shepherd's blistering knock powered Royal Challengers to 213, the young Mhatre and the experienced Jadeja played their hearts out for Super Kings. K.MURALI KUMAR

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Jacob Bethell c Brevis b Pathirana 55 *(33b, 8x4, 2x6)*, Virat Kohli c Khaleel b Curran 62 *(33b, 5x4, 5x6)*, Devdutt Padikkal c Jadeja b Pathirana 17 *(15b, 1x4, 1x6)*, Rajat Patidar c Curran b Pathirana 11 *(15b, 1x4)*, Jitesh Sharma c Brevis b Noor 7 *(8b, 1x4)*, Tim David (not out) 2 *(3b)*, Romario Shepherd (not out) 53 *(14b, 4x4, 6x6)*; Extras (lb-1, nb-1, w-4): 6; Total (for five wkts. in 20 overs): 213.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-97 (Bethell, 9.5 overs), 2-121 (Kohli, 11.5), 3-144 (Padikkal, 15.1), 4-154 (Jitesh, 16.5), 5-157 (Patidar, 17.4).

SUPER KINGS BOWLING
Khaleel 3-0-65-0, Kamboj 3-0-25-0, Noor 4-0-26-1, Jadeja 3-0-26-0, Curran 3-0-34-1, Pathirana 4-0-36-3.

CHENNAI SUPER KINGS
Ayush Mhatre c Krunal b Ngidi 94 *(48b, 9x4, 5x6)*, Shaik Rasheed c Shepherd b Krunal 14 *(11b, 1x4, 1x6)*, Sam Curran c Jitesh b Ngidi 5 *(5b, 1x4)*, Ravindra Jadeja (not out) 77 *(45b, 8x4, 2x6)*, Dewald Brevis lbw b Ngidi 0 *(1b)*, M.S. Dhoni lbw b Dayal 12 *(8b, 1x6)*, Shivam Dube **(Impact Player for Pathirana)** (not out) 8 *(3b, 1x6)*; Extras (nb-1): 1; Total (for five wkts. in 20 overs): 211.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-51 (Rasheed, 4.3), 2-58 (Curran, 5.4), 3-172 (Mhatre, 16.2), 4-172 (Brevis, 16.3), 5-201 (Dhoni, 19.3).

RCB BOWLING
Krunal 3-0-24-1, Bhuvneshwar 4-0-55-0, Dayal 4-0-41-1, Ngidi 4-0-30-3, Suyash **(Impact Player for Padikkal)** 4-0-43-0, Shepherd 1-0-18-0.

Toss: CSK; **PoM:** Shepherd.

Next assignment

CSK: May 7 vs KKR Kolkata, 7.30 p.m.

RCB: May 9 vs LSG Lucknow, 7.30 p.m.

Kings will hope to set the stage alive at their new den

P.K. Ajith Kumar
DHARAMSHALA

Dark clouds hung ominously for much of the day, and then it rained pretty heavily. The HPCA Stadium still looked pretty as a picture.

"The first thing the players - especially the foreign ones – do after reaching the ground is to take out their phones (and click pictures)," Punjab Kings assistant coach Brad Haddin said on the eve of the IPL match against Lucknow Super Giants.

This is the first match for Kings at their second home ground. They have finished their assignments at their base of New Chandigarh, and their last three home games are to be played here.

They should be looking to make the most out of the home advantage, with the league in its business end. They are very much in the race for the playoffs, having won six of their 10 games.

One of those wins was against LSG. Skipper Shreyas Iyer and opener Prabhsimran Singh cracked half-centuries in that away match, a month ago.

The two men have continued their merry run, and along with Priyansh Arya, they form a formidable top-order.

There is balance in the bowling attack, comprising the likes of Arshdeep Singh, Yuzvendra Chahal and Marco Jansen. The LSG bowling is bolstered by the return of the fiery Mayank Yadav.

The visitor, which is also fancying its chances to move to the last four, must be hoping its captain Rishabh Pant finds his touch again. The overseas batters - Mitchell Marsh, Nicholas Pooran and Aiden Markram - have delivered though.

Overdue: Pant will be eyeing a big one. SHASHI SHEKHAR KASHYAP

Points table

	M	W	L	NR	PTS	NRR
Royal Challengers	11	8	3	0	16	0.482
Mumbai Indians	11	7	4	0	14	1.274
Gujarat Titans	10	7	3	0	14	0.867
Punjab Kings	10	6	3	1	13	0.199
Delhi Capitals	10	6	4	0	12	0.362
Lucknow Super Giants	10	5	5	0	10	-0.325
Kolkata Knight Riders	10	4	5	1	9	0.271
Rajasthan Royals (E)	11	3	8	0	6	-0.780
Sunrisers Hyderabad	10	3	7	0	6	-1.192
Chennai Super Kings (E)	11	2	9	0	4	-1.117

* Till the RCB-CSK match on May 3 — E: Eliminated

Knight Riders face the Royals in must-win game

Y.B. Sarangi
KOLKATA

The task is simple but a herculean one for Kolkata Knight Riders.

The defending champion, with nine points from 11 outings, need to win its remaining four matches to qualify for the IPL play-offs.

The first of the four tests will be against Rajasthan Royals at the Eden Gardens here on Sunday.

Already out of the reckoning, RR could prove dangerous for KKR.

However, KKR can take heart from its improved showing and a much-needed win against Delhi Capitals. The Ajinkya Rahane-led side, which has been troubled because of its below-par batting, should be happy to see handy contributions from multiple batters against DC.

KKR will hope that its top run-getter Rahane recovers from a hand injury quickly. Last match's top-scorer Angkrish Raghuvanshi, Rahmanullah Gurbaz, Rinku Singh and Andre Russell also need to play valuable knocks.

It's high time Venkatesh Iyer made another substantial contribution.

KKR's bowling looks set with pacers Vaibhav Arora and Harshit Rana and spinners Sunil Narine and Varun Chakaravarthy handling their responsibilities well.

Outplayed by Mumbai Indians in its previous outing, RR will rely on its long batting line-up that - including the prolific Yashasvi Jaiswal, Riyan Parag, Dhruv Jurel, Nitish Rana, Shimron Hetmyer and teenage sensation Vaibhav Suryavanshi and excluding an injured Sanju Samson - to avenge its defeat and redeem some pride.

In the absence of Sandeep Sharma, Jofra Archer and Sri Lankan spinners Wanindu Hasaranga and Maheesh Teekshana will be RR's main bowlers.

Fans, expecting another run feast, will hope the rain forecast doesn't come true.

Talk-time: KKR spinner Narine and assistant coach Nayar catch up with Royals' Nitish Rana at a training session. RITU RAJ KONWAR

Today's matches

Kolkata, 3.30 p.m.
HEAD-TO-HEAD
Played: 30
KKR 15 | RR 14 | NR 1
PREVIOUS MEETING
KKR won by eight wickets, 2025

Dharamshala, 7.30 p.m.
HEAD-TO-HEAD
Played: 5
PBKS 2 | LSG 3
PREVIOUS MEETING
PBKS won by eight wickets, 2025

LIVE ON STAR SPORTS 1 (SD & HD) & JIOHOTSTAR

A breeze: Goa netted thrice to win its second title. BISWARANJAN ROUT

Goa gives Marquez perfect parting gift

SUPER CUP FINAL

Joan Mathew Jacob
BHUBANESWAR

'Good things come to those who wait' goes a popular saying. Head coach Manolo Marquez certainly waited until the very last moment to lift a piece of silverware with FC Goa.

After two seasons of near misses, Marquez finally had a trophy in his arms as Goa beat Jamshedpur FC 3-0 in the Super Cup 2025 final at the Kalinga Stadium here on Saturday.

Borja Herrera scored in either half, while Dejan Drazic sealed the deal to help the Gaurs secure an AFC Champions League Two preliminary round spot and a second Super Cup title.

Marquez's men opened the scoring in the 23rd minute when left-back Aakash Sangwan's shot was saved by Albino Gomes before the ball fell in front of Borja. His first shot was blocked brilliantly in front of goal by Stephen Eze. Fortunately for the Spaniard, the ball came right back to him and he made no mistake the second time.

While Borja's first strike required a bit of luck, his second was pure skill.

Six minutes into the second half, he collected the ball in the middle of the pitch and drove into space before lashing at the ball with his left boot's lace.

A stretching Gomes could only watch helplessly as the ball glided into the top right corner.

Goa put the final nail in the coffin when Carl McHugh spotted Drazic's run into the final third with a defence-splitting through ball. The Serbian took a touch to take the ball past an advancing Gomes and slotted it into the goal.

The result: Goa 3 (Borja 23, 51, Drazic 72) bt Jamshedpur 0.

INBRIEF

Antonelli sprints to pole, youngest in F1 history

Mercedes teenager Kimi Antonelli (1:26.482) powered to a shock pole position in Friday's qualifying for the Miami Grand Prix sprint race, delivering a sizzling final lap to become the youngest-ever driver to take pole in Formula One. The 18-year-old broke Sebastian Vettel's record (21y and 73d, 2008 Italian GP).

3,000m steeplechaser Sable finishes eighth at Keqiao

Indian 3,000m steeplechaser Avinash Sable finished eighth in 8m 23.85s in the Diamond League Meeting at Keqiao (China) on Saturday. Abrham Sime of Ethiopia won in 8:07.82 while Kenyans Edmund Serem (8:08.68) and Simon Kiprop Koech (8:09.05) were second and third respectively. In the Xiamen meeting on April 26, Sable had finished 13th, clocking 8m 22.59s.

Another bad day for Indian women's hockey team

The Indian women's hockey team went down 2-3 to Australia in the penultimate match of the bilateral series in Perth on Saturday. Navneet Kaur (35th minute) and Lalremsiami (59th) were the scorers for India, while Australia struck through Grace Stewart (second), Jade Smith (36th), and Greta Hayes (42nd minute). The final match of the series – between the two senior teams – will be played on Sunday.

Raghuvanshi now sets his sights on doing well in red-ball cricket

The middle-order batter gives a shout-out to his Mumbai and Knight Riders captain Rahane as someone he can always look up to

IPL-18

Y.B. Sarangi
KOLKATA

While impressing everyone with his consistency and flexibility in the Indian Premier League this season, young Kolkata Knight Riders batter Angkrish Raghuvanshi is nurturing his ambition of playing red ball cricket.

A batter who can play good cricketing shots, the 20-year-old Raghuvanshi (241 runs) has displayed his ability to rotate the strike. He can unleash the big hits, handle pressure situations and has emerged as one of the most successful batters, behind captain Ajinkya Rahane (297), for KKR. Now, he wants to show his worth in the Ranji Trophy as well.

"There are a lot of ambitions. It's about thinking of the next match... if I have a red ball match, maybe in the Ranji Trophy, then before that [I would like to] think about how I'll score big in that match," Raghuvanshi told *The Hindu*.

In his second year in the IPL, the youngster has adapted to the challenges of batting at different slots in the middle order. "To be honest, I'm not sure (about my flexibility). I have only opened (the innings) in my life. This is a learning experience for me, I am trying to do my best and grow."

Raghuvanshi feels his approach is not different this season. "It's just the same, prepare well, try to figure out what the bowlers are doing and react to the ball."

His Mumbai and KKR captain Rahane's guidance has helped Raghuvanshi. "He is a role model, always leads from the front and inspires us to do well. Also gives valuable lessons on how to go about the batting... someone I can look up to always.

"I interact with (players) from other teams, trying to figure out how they go about their game so that maybe I can inculcate some of that in my own game," said Raghuvanshi, enjoying the support of his family.

In the groove: Raghuvanshi has shown an uncanny knack of rotating the strike and unleashing the big hits. SHASHI SHEKHAR KASHYAP

'Serving a provisional suspension for use of recreational drug'

Press Trust of India
JOHANNESBURG

South Africa fast bowler Kagiso Rabada on Saturday made a shock revelation that he was serving a provisional suspension for using a banned recreational drug. The pacer had left the IPL after playing two games for Gujarat Titans, citing personal reasons.

Rabada stated through the South African Cricketers' Association (SACA).

"As has been reported, I recently returned to South Africa from participating in the IPL for personal reasons.

"This was due to my returning an adverse analytical finding for the use of a recreational drug," the 29-year-old said.

"I am serving a provisional suspension, and I am looking forward to returning to the game I love playing," he added.

Rabada. FILE PHOTO

Shrivalli and Rutuja to meet in doubles final

TENNIS

Sports Bureau

Shrivalli Bhamidipaty and Alexandra Shubladze beat Paris Corley and Tiphanie Lemaitre 6-2, 6-4 to set up a title clash against Rutuja Bhosale and Paige Hourigan in the $40,000 ITF women's tournament in Lopota, Georgia, on Saturday.

Other results: $30,000 ITF men, Santa Margherita di Pula, Italy: Doubles (final): Oleksandr Ovcharenko (Ukr) & Carlos Jover (Esp) bt Chirag Duhan & Lautaro Falabella (Arg) 6-4, 3-6, [10-3].

$30,000 ITF women, Boca Raton, USA: Doubles (semifinals): Despina Papamichail (Gre) & Gergana Topalova (Bul) bt Riya Bhatia & Jessica Gomez (Mex) 7-6(5), 6-0.

$15,000 ITF women, Monastir, Tunisia: Doubles (semifinals): Rebecca Mortensen (Den) & Ines Murta (Por) bt Tanisha Kashyap & Arabella Koller (Aut) 6-3, 6-3.

Will reveal future plans at the end of season, says Ancelotti

Agence France-Presse
MADRID

Real Madrid coach Carlo Ancelotti, who has been heavily linked with the Brazil post, said on Saturday he will reveal his future plans on May 25 after its final LaLiga game.

The immediate goal for the 65-year-old Italian, who has one year left on his Madrid contract, is with five matches remaining to overhaul bitter rivals Barcelona's four point lead and retain the title.

Achieving that would make up somewhat for losing to Barcelona in the Copa del Rey final, and the defence of its Champions League crown ended by Arsenal in the quarterfinals.

"I have a lot of affection for my club, my players and our fans, and also a lot of respect," Ancelotti told reporters ahead of Madrid's clash against Celta Vigo on Sunday.

"So I will speak about my future on the 25th (of May) and not before."

Ancelotti said the day he leaves Madrid will be a "beautiful" one and he has never had a single problem with the club across two spells at the helm.

"It will be a fantastic goodbye, because I have a lot of affection for the club and it does for me too, I will never fight or argue with the club," said the veteran coach.

Ancelotti. GETTY IMAGES

Opening salvo: Prathika will look to carry her fine form. SLC

A resurgent Sri Lanka faces high-flying India

CRICKET

Press Trust of India
COLOMBO

India will look to extend its dominant run while a resurgent Sri Lanka will strive to stay in contention for the summit clash when the two teams clash in the women's tri-nation ODI series here on Sunday.

Harmanpreet Kaur's side has been clinical so far, notching up wins against both Sri Lanka and South Africa to sit atop the table with two victories from as many matches.

India had outplayed the hosts in the tournament-opener last week, but Sri Lanka's convincing five-wicket win over South Africa on Friday has injected new life into its campaign.

India has now won eight consecutive ODIs. While spinners Sneh Rana and Shree Charani starred with the ball to dismantle Sri Lanka in the first meeting, openers Pratika Rawal and Smriti Mandhana, along with Harleen Deol, ensured a smooth chase of the 148-run target.

Against South Africa, India's top order once again provided the platform before the middle order, led by Harmanpreet and Jemimah Rodrigues, added 82 in the final 10 overs to post a competitive total.

Despite opener Tazmin Brits threatening to take the game away, Rana's timely three-wicket over turned the tide decisively in India's favour. The fielding also impressed.

For Sri Lanka, the 128-run fourth-wicket stand between Harshitha Samarawickrama and Kavisha Dilhari – the highest for the team in ODIs at that position – formed backbone of win over South Africa. The bowling was equally effective with Malki Madara and debutant Dewmi Vihanga sharing seven wickets between them.

The poor form of skipper Chamari Athapaththu remains a concern.

The teams (from): India: Harmanpreet Kaur (Capt.), Pratika Rawal, Smriti Mandhana, Harleen Deol, Jemimah Rodrigues, Richa Ghosh (wk), Deepti Sharma, Kashvee Gautam, Arundhati Reddy, Sneh Rana, Nallapureddy Charani, Yastika Bhatia, Amanjot Kaur, Tejal Hasabnis and Shuchi Upadhyay.

Sri Lanka: Chamari Athapaththu (Capt.), Kavisha Dilhari, Inoshi Priyadharshani, Vishmi Gunaratne, Hansima Karunaratne, Achini Kulasuriya, Sugandika Kumari, Malki Madara, Harshitha Samarawickrama, Manudi Nanayakkara, Hasini Perera, Piumi Wathsala, Inoka Ranaweera, Anushka Sanjeewani, Rashmika Sewwandi, Nilakshika Silva and Dewmi Vihanga.

Match starts at 10:00 a.m.

Mercedes chief Wolff backs Hamilton to come good with Ferrari

Wait and watch: Wolff feels Hamilton will need time to adjust to a new car and new team after so long at Mercedes. AP

FORMULA ONE

Agence France-Presse
MIAMI GARDENS

Mercedes chief Toto Wolff believes his former star driver Lewis Hamilton will be back to his best despite a difficult start to life with Ferrari. The seven-time world champion left Mercedes after 12 years to join Ferrari this season but the 40-year-old has been well behind teammate Charles Leclerc so far.

The Briton's only success this year came in the sprint race in Shanghai and Wolff said the win was enough to show Hamilton still has what it takes.

"We have seen that magic in the sprint race in Shanghai. He dominated that race, and it is not like you have that magic in one race, and then suddenly you lose it in the following one," said the Mercedes team CEO. "I very much believe it is still there. If he aligns his performance contributors, is in the right space, and the car is to his liking, he will be stellar, and I have no doubt about that."

Wolff added it was not a shock that Hamilton would need time to adjust to a new car and new team after so long at Mercedes.

"I am not surprised he has hit those road bumps because he was with us for 12 years and he has been put in a Ferrari where his teammate has been for a long time, and his teammate is clearly one of the very good ones," he said.

"So, if I look from the outside and speaking to him, too, it is a trajectory that any new driver needs to go through at a top team."Wolff also addressed rumours about the future of his British driver, George Russell, who is out of contract at the end of this season. "George is part of the Mercedes family, and always has been, and as I see things today, why break a team that is on a positive trajectory?" said the Ausie, who said Russell had taken on a leading role since Hamilton's departure.

"When a seven-time world champion leaves the team, George was a little bit in the shadow of Lewis, as we all were, but he is now the one that gives the direction, he can be relied on. And he has massively stepped up."

LIVE TELECAST

Women ODI tri-series: Sri Lanka vs India, FanCode, 10 a.m.
IPL: Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & JioHotstar, 3.30 & 7.30 p.m.
Premier League: SS Select 1, 2 (SD & HD) & JioHotstar, 6.30 & 9 p.m.
Bundesliga: Sony Sports Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 7, 9 & 11 p.m.
Formula One: Miami GP, F1TV, F1TV Pro App & FanCode, 1.30 a.m. (Monday)

Bayern's title charge delayed by Leipzig's last-gasp equaliser

Heartbreaker: Poulsen dinks past Bayern keeper Urbig to score Leipzig's third. REUTERS

EURO LEAGUES

Reuters
LEIPZIG

RB Leipzig's Yussuf Poulsen scored a stoppage-time goal to snatch a 3-3 draw against Bundesliga leader Bayern Munich on Saturday and delay the Bavarians' title celebrations by at least a day.

Poulsen struck seconds before the end to leave Bayern on 76 points, nine ahead of current champion Leverkusen, which travels to Freiburg on Sunday. Bayern, with two games left to play, will secure its 34th league crown should Leverkusen fail to win.

On the back foot

It was supposed to be triumphant afternoon for Bayern but it found itself on the back foot from the start with the host piling on early pressure.

Leipzig had two big chances before Benjamin Sesko completed a one-pass quick break from Xavi Simmons with a superbly curled shot past keeper Jonas Urbig in the 11th minute.

With the Bundesliga's leading scorer Harry Kane, desperate to clinch the first major title of his career, suspended and watching from the stands, the visitor was toothless in attack.

It got even worse for six minute before the break when Lukas Klostermann easily beat his marker to head in a David Raum free kick and double Leipzig's lead.

Turning it around

Bayern turned things around after the break, however, with Eric Dier heading in Michael Olise's corner at the near post and Olise rifling in the equaliser a minute later.

It thought it had done enough to secure the title when Leroy Sane struck seven minutes from time but Poulsen spoiled the party.

Aston Villa climbed back into the race to qualify for the Champions League as Youri Tielemans sealed a crucial 1-0 win against Fulham in the Premier League on Saturday.

Belgian midfielder Tielemans scored a first half winner that moved seventh-placed Villa level on points with fifth-placed Chelsea and sixth-placed Nottingham Forest.

Manchester City moved closer to qualifying for the Champions League as Kevin De Bruyne sealed a vital 1-0 win against Wolves on Friday.

Dull draw

Atletico Madrid was held to a dull 0-0 draw at relegation-battling Alaves on Saturday in LaLiga.

The results:
Premier League: Aston Villa 1 (Tielemans 12) bt Fulham 0.
Bundesliga: RB Leipzig 3 (Ņesko 11, Klostermann 39, Poulsen 90+4) drew with Bayern Munich 3 (Dier 62, Olise 63, Sane 83); Borussia M'gladbach 4 (Chiarodia 5, Reitz 32, Honorat 64, Kleindienst 90+1) drew with Hoffenheim 4 (Chaves 43, Bulter 54, Hlozek 73, Tabakovic 81); Union Berlin 2 (Rothe 37, Benes 84) drew with Werder Bremen 2 (Stage 2, 15).
St. Pauli 0 lost to Stuttgart 1 (Woltemade 88).
LaLiga: Alaves 0 drew with Atletico Madrid 0.
Serie A: Cagliari 1 (Zortea 35) lost to Udinese 2 (Zarraga 27, Kristensen 67); Parma 0 lost to Como 1 (Strefezza 79).
On Friday: Premier League: Manchester City 1 (De Bruyne 35) bt Wolves 0.
LaLiga: Rayo Vallecano 1 (Lejeune 7) bt Getafe 0.
Serie A: Torino 1 (Vlasic 77-pen) drew with Venezia 1 (Kike Perez 36).
Bundesliga: Heidenheim 0 drew with Bochum 0.